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Germany Gives Warning Back SEQUELS TO MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S STATEMENT

COMPULSORY SERVICE CALL BY MR. CHURCHILL

London, To-day.

In the course of his speech last night, Mr. Winston Churchill made an urgent plea for compulsory service and what he called the incorporation of the full force of the nation in the governing instrument. — British Wireless.

ANGLO-FRENCH RESOURCES IN AMERICA

Washington, To-day. British and French resources in the United States would be sufficient to enable them to pay cash for purchases lasting two years, according to Mr. Winthrop, the Editor of "Annalist," who has prepared a complete estimate for the Foreign Policy Association.

The cash values of British and French gold and other resources in the United States are between 11,500,000,000 dollars and 14,000,000,000 dollars and their obligations about 4,500,000,000 dollars. — Reuter.

WOMEN TO JOIN NAVAL RESERVE

London, To-day.

The King has given permission for formation of a corps to be known as the Women's Royal Naval Reserve, members of which will

A German semi-official reminder that Herr Hitler, in his Wilhelmshaven speech, declared that Germany would not remain passive while Britain completed her encirclement programme; Revival of proposals for broadening the basis of the British Cabinet to include Mr. Anthony Eden and Mr. Churchill, with Sir Archibald Sinclair suggesting Mr. Eden as Prime Minister; Scenes in the Bulgarian Parliament following a hint by the Premier that Bulgaria would have to follow Germany: are among immediate consequences of Mr. Chamberlain's momentous declaration, putting the "No Aggression" sign across the Mediterranean and the Balkans.

In the meantime, Germany has revived the campaign against Poland and it is reported that plans have been drawn up in Poland for swift evacuation of the frontier zones in the event of an emergency.

In Sofia, the opposition parties walked out of the Parliament building as a protest against the Government's refusal to permit a debate on foreign policy. They had previously bitterly opposed the idea that Bulgaria's only course was to follow Germany.

In New York, underwriters are declining to quote fixed rates for shipments in German or Italian ships. Insurances on cargoes in Axis Powers' ships are obtainable only on application.

EFFECT OF STATEMENT
General impression is that while the Chamberlain speech has cleared the air to the extent that it has placed Britain's cards on the table, there is nothing yet to suggest the likelihood of any slackening of the tension.

The "Let's March to Paris" cry in Rome yesterday evening is regarded as a bad sign, inasmuch as official inspiration is held responsible.

BUCHAREST ATTITUDE
Bucharest opinion is firming against the Axis. One semi-official paper commenting on the invasion of Albania declared: "Romans that the Balkans have ceased to belong exclusively to the Balkan nations."

place naval officers and ratings in wartime on certain duties in naval ports and harbours, and to provide

GOVERNMENT STEPS INTO INSURANCE MARKET

London, To-day.

The Government has decided to put into force immediately a provisional scheme for reinsurance of the marine insurance market in so far as it concerns King's Enemy risks on cargoes destined for discharge in or shipped from the United Kingdom upon receiving information on Tuesday that underwriters had concluded it would be necessary immediately to increase rates.

In announcing the measure taken in the Commons the President of the Board of Trade said it had prevented an increase.

The scheme is in accordance with the announcement by Sir John Simon, on January 31.—British Wireless.

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NO DOUBT LEFT OF BRITAIN'S INTENTIONS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

"HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT FEEL THEY HAVE BOTH A DUTY AND A SERVICE TO PERFORM BY LEAVING NO DOUBT IN THE MIND OF ANYBODY AS TO THEIR POSITION," DECLARED THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, IN THE COURSE OF HIS STATEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL POSITION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Mr. Chamberlain continued: "I therefore take the opportunity of saying that His Majesty's Government attach the greatest importance to the avoidance of disturbances by threats of force or threats to the status quo in the Mediterranean and the Balkan Peninsula.

"Consequently they have come to the conclusion that in the event of any action which clearly threatened the independence of Greece or Rumania, and which the Greek and Rumanian Governments, respectively, consider vital to resist by their national forces, His Majesty's Government would feel themselves bound at once to lend the Greek and Rumanian Governments all the support in their power." (Cheers).

"We are communicating this declaration to the Governments directly concerned and to others. I understand the French Government is making a similar declaration.

"The Dominion Governments, as always, are being continually informed of all developments.

"I only want to add one or two observations.

"So far as I am concerned, nothing that has happened has altered my conviction that the policy of His Majesty's Government in signing the Anglo-Italian Agreement a year ago was right. (Cheers).

"I do not say that in order to raise a controversy, but in order to avoid misunderstanding of my present attitude.

DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED

"I frankly confess deep disappointment over the action of the Italian Government.

"No doubt some will say we shall now declare the Anglo-Italian Agreement to be considered at an end, but I do not take that view.

"Nobody with a sense of responsibility in these days will lightly do anything which would lead to increased international tension.

"I believe therefore that there is a widespread desire to see the fulfilment of the provisions of that Agreement, and naturally, in view of the recent events, it is to the Italian Government that I look for practical evidence that they share that desire. (Cheers).

ITALY'S PROMISE

"Reference has been made to the

evacuation of Italian 'volunteers' from Spain."

Mr. Chamberlain said that during the course of recent exchanges they had been informed that the Italians would be withdrawn after the Madrid victory parade.

The Government had taken due note of these assurances. The Government had always regarded the withdrawal of Italian "volunteers" from Spain as a vital element of the Anglo-Italian Agreement.

LONG PATIENCE

"We have exercised patience for a long period in spite of many disturbances in our efforts to remove suspicion, promote goodwill and keep the peace, and I am unwilling to believe that these efforts will not bear fruit.

"I hope members will not assume that because I have not mentioned Russia, we are not keeping in close touch with the representatives of Russia.

"We have a very difficult task to perform. We have to consider not only what we wish but also what other people are willing to do.

"I ask the House to believe that without any prejudice, without any preconceived ideological notions, we are endeavouring to the utmost of our ability to marshal the forces which still favour peace.

STIFFEN RESOLUTION

"I say to-day that we must stiffen our resolution not only to

GOERING SPEEDS UP ROME VISIT

Rome, To-day. Field Marshal Hermann Goering will, according to an official announcement, arrive in Rome from Tripoli to-day at 8 p.m. for an official visit.

The Field Marshal and Frau Goering will stay in Rome until Sunday.

Goering will have several conversations with Mussolini and Count Ciano and will be received in audience by the King.

Goering's original plans did not contemplate a Rome visit until next week.—Trans-Ocean.

make ourselves strong and defend ourselves but also to play our part in siding with those who, if faced by aggression or the threatened loss of their freedom, decide to resist."

WISHES OF ALBANIA

Mr. Chamberlain described various communications made by Lord Perth (our Ambassador in Rome) to Count Ciano (Italian Foreign Minister).

Lord Perth communicated the state of British feeling over Albania, and Count Ciano, in an evasive reply when pressed to state Italy's intentions, said: "These will depend upon the wishes of the Albanian people."

Mr. Chamberlain told how we had received information that Italy intended to occupy the Greek island

TO TUNIS! TO CORSICA!

Rome, To-day.

Addressing a crowd of 45,000 in the Piazza Venezia after the meeting of the Fascist Grand Council last night, Mussolini said that recent events were an expression of Italian will, faith and strength.

"The world is begged to leave us alone in our great daily task."

These words were greeted with shouts: "To Tunis! To Corsica!"

—Reuter.

of Corfu.

The Italian charge d'affaires in London told our Foreign Secretary that the report was absolutely incorrect, and gave an assurance that this was not the policy of Mussolini.

NO MISUNDERSTANDING

Lord Halifax, while welcoming the assurance, said it was absolutely vital that there be no misunderstanding between the two Governments on this point.

Mr. Chamberlain, continuing, said: "Later on the same day the Italian charge d'affaires called with a message from Mussolini and gave a renewed assurance that Italy intended to respect the territorial and insular integrity of Greece.

"This particular story (respecting Corfu) has now been discredited, yet as I said on a previous occasion, once confidence has been shaken it is not easily re-established."—Reuter.

INTOLERABLE POSITION

In conclusion, Mr. Chamberlain spoke of how intolerable was a state of international affairs which kept the whole world in a continually recurring series of alarms, blighted commerce and industry, depressed social conditions and poisoned every phase of human activity.

Events of which the British Government had had cause to complain in the past, and which again they had to condemn to-day, could not have failed to stir the minds and consciences of all people.—British Wireless.

Italy And Germany Firm And Unrepentant

London, To-day.

First reaction in Rome and Berlin to Mr. Neville Chamberlain's statement appears to show that Italy and her Axis partner stand firm and unrepentant.

The guarantee to Rumania has been well received in Bucharest, where exclamations of "Bravo" are heard on all sides.

Opinion in Budapest (the Hungarian capital) is that the statement neither eases nor aggravates the international situation, which it is felt remains grave, with everything depending on the next move of the Axis powers.

Central German circles show reluctance to comment before they have carefully examined the full text of the statement, but an inspired declaration issued by the Nazis to the foreign press takes Mr. Chamberlain to task on many points in

The declaration also attacks alleged British propaganda methods.

Italian political circles, basing their view on summarised reports of the statement, hold that Mr. Chamberlain recognised the fact that Albania did not constitute a breach of the Anglo-Italian Agreement so long as this was "properly interpreted."

The same observation is made in Rome regarding the Mediterranean status quo.

Mr. Chamberlain's claim that the Adriatic is part of the Mediterranean is disputed in Rome, and scepticism prevails regarding Britain's capacity to carry out the undertakings given to Rumania and Greece, just as in the case of Poland.

Italy's own pledge to Greece is regarded as regarding the British guarantee to that country.

Going Away?

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ITALY RAISING BLACK ARMY

Italy is raising a native army in Africa to "make its fearful weight felt against a foreign enemy no matter who it is or who dares to advance."

Signor Gayda, Mussolini's "mouthpiece," made this first Fascist disclosure that Italy is arming natives in Rome.

Signor Gayda added that it would be necessary for Italy to subdue Djibouti, the French possession in Somaliland, "in the best interests of the Italian Empire."

"French Djibouti is a permanent centre of intrigue and base manoeuvres against Italy," he writes.

SPEECH HAS GOOD RECEPTION

LONDON, TO-DAY.

ON THE WHOLE, MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN'S HOUSE OF COMMONS SPEECH HAS MET WITH A GOOD RECEPTION AMONG M.P.S.

Government supporters recognise that with so much depending upon the attitude and willingness for action of other governments, the Premier's task is not easy.

They applaud his statement regarding Rumania and Greece, though members express the view that Mr. Chamberlain did not go far enough and that a more definite line would have been better.

They would like to press for a fuller statement regarding the re-

Chamberlain Finds Sympathetic House And Public

London, To-day.

Mr. Chamberlain's speech in the House of Commons has received a favourable reception by press and public. The consensus of opinion, as expressed in the first press reports, is that England still hopes for peace, but is willing to fight.

Parliamentary circles welcome the "quiet firmness" of the Prime Minister's remarks, and even the Labour Party members speak in commanding terms of the decisive steps taken by the Government.

The speech by Major Attlee, the Opposition Leader, is characterised in Parliamentary circles as not particularly well chosen or effective because it could give the Authoritarian States grounds for the assertion that the British Parliament was disunited.

The clef between the Government and the group behind Mr. Eden and Mr. Winston Churchill has now been bridged over by the speech of Mr. Eden, which indicated that all groups were solidly behind the Government.

It is emphasised that, although

relationship between Britain and Russia, as they believe a definite agreement between the two countries would be extremely useful in the present state of world affairs.

—Reuter.

GERMAN NAVAL MANOEUVRES OFF SPAIN!

London, To-day.

It is learned in official circles that the German Government has informed the British and French Governments that the customary Spring exercises of the German Fleet will be held this year off the coast of Spain.

They will last about a month.

The units concerned, which will leave home ports on Tuesday next week, consist of three pocket-battleships of the "Deutschland" class, three cruisers, a flotilla of destroyers, submarines and auxiliary vessels.

—Reuter.

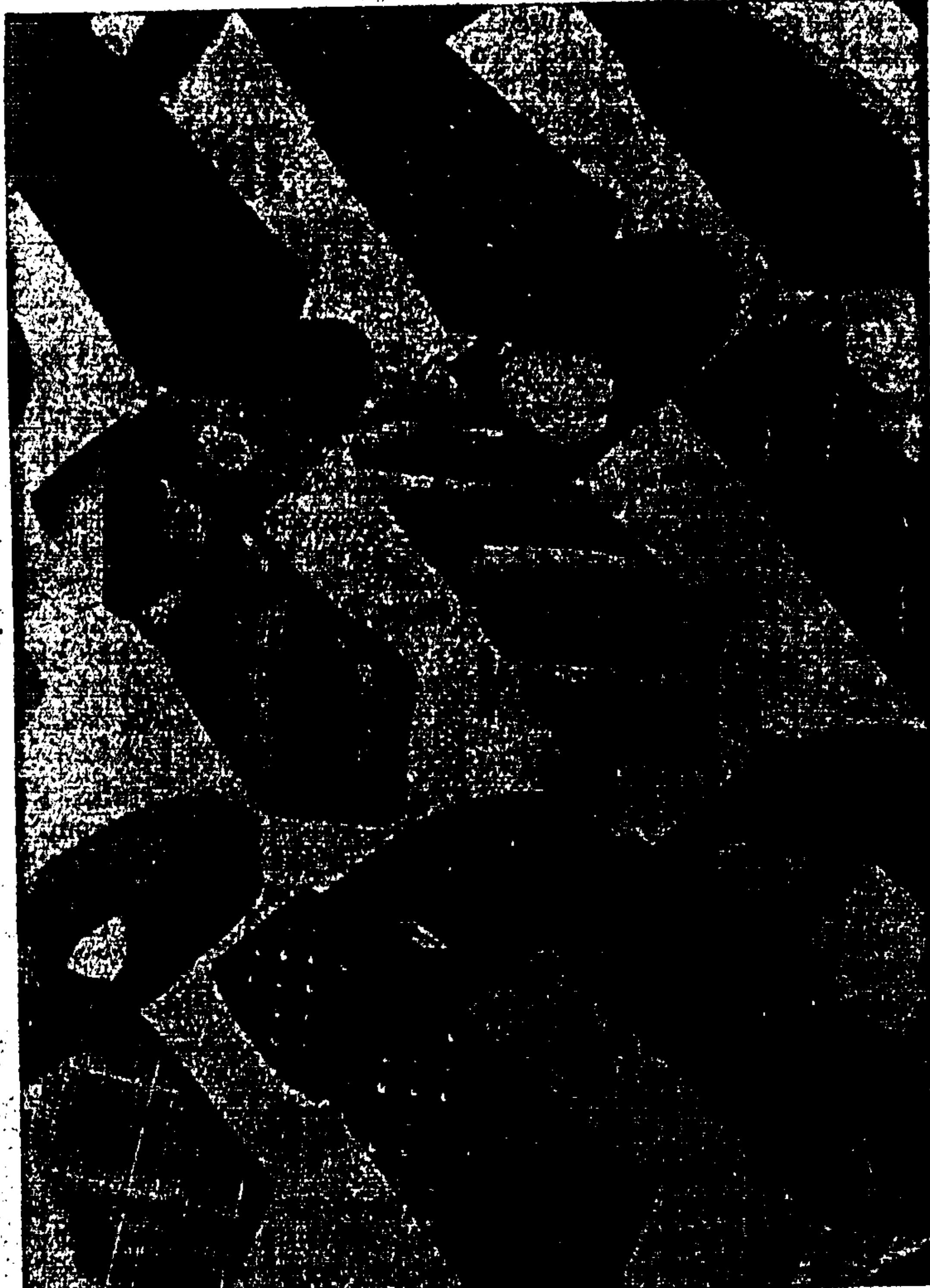
News of this announcement, says Trans-Ocean, becoming known in the lobbies of the House of Commons late last night caused considerable misgiving.

It has given rise to alarming speculations concerning a threatening European conflict.

It is pointed out that if war were to break out, Germany would have succeeded in bringing herself into a position in which, with Spanish harbours and Spanish islands as bases, she would be able to reinforce the Italian Fleet in the Mediterranean or threaten Britain's trade routes in the Atlantic.

order to prevent Yugo-Slavia from being drawn into the German sphere of interest.

It is believed that Mr. Chamberlain, in omitting to make any references to Yugo-Slavia when stating the guarantees for the Balkan countries, did this out of regard to Italy. — Trans-Ocean.



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-Nazi Press

Berlin, To-day.

In commenting on the speech in the House of Commons by the Prime Minister, Mr. Chamberlain, Berlin comments that this speech, which had been heralded as a big sensation, must be regarded as a big bluff, which neither satisfied Chamberlain's friends nor calmed the opposition, nor disquieted the Axis.

Mr. Chamberlain followed the usual method, the semi-official "Deutscher Dienst" declares, asserting that the British press, following official orders, first raised a huge hue and cry about "attacks" and "blackmailing the weak," and Mr. Chamberlain then appeared on the scene as the angel of peace.

"His statement — The Deutscher Dienst continues — is, from beginning to end, a tearful outburst, because the world progresses without England being able to decide the course of events.

"PITIFUL PART"

The pitiful part played by Britain in developments are "sadly crowned by the speech of Mr. Chamberlain, which again proves that she needs panic and warmongery in order to show herself as Angel of Peace while, in reality, she wants nothing else but to bring home loot which, in a calmer time, would be impossible."

The semi-official "Korrespondence" calls it "cheek" for Britain to offer her doubtful protection to Greece which has just, by exchange of cordial notes with Italy, clearly proved that she is not in need of protection.

The same holds good — the "Deutscher Dienst" concludes — regarding the pledges to Rumania as well as the offers to Turkey and Yugoslavia. — Trans-Ocean.

**FAKE "RAID" ON
OPIUM DIVAN**

How an open opium divan in Temple Street was visited by a false police party on Wednesday night and a smoker and five pipes taken away, was disclosed before Mr. Q. A. A. MacFadyen this morning when Yeung Hung, 31, was charged with impersonating a police officer.

Det-Sgt. Johnston said that accused, with two others, not in custody, went into the premises with a torch, and, after announcing that they were policemen, smashed the lamps, beds, and other things, and "arrested" one smoker and took five pipes.

"Defendant was himself a divan keeper," added Sgt. Johnston, who asked the Magistrate to take a serious view of the case.

Accused was fined \$25 or one month on the first count and sent to prison for a month on the second.

**ITALIAN
AIRMEN AND
PLANES SENT
TO SPAIN**

Paris, To-day. According to reports reaching France, in spite of Italian professions of intention to remove Italian troops from Spain at the earliest possible moment, new planes and airmen are being sent to Spanish airports.

**FORGED MARK
ON SOAP**

Li Ting, 28, shop boy, was charged before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, with possession of ten bars of soap for sale, in which a forged trade mark description was applied.

Defendant said he bought the soap from a coolie. He denied offering it for sale. It would be foolish of him to travel all the way from Kowloon to Second Street to sell ten bars of soap.

Mr. W. M. Brown appeared for the prosecution.

The manager of the China Soap Company, told the Court that the soap was not manufactured by his firm. The colour and the odour were different.

A district watchman said he saw defendant carrying a bucket in his left hand and two pieces of soap in his right, offering it for sale.

Defendant was fined \$50 or six weeks' hard labour.

**HAD NO MONEY
BUT THIRST FOR
KNOWLEDGE**

"I had no money, so I took the books," pleaded a neatly dressed and apparently educated Chinese, Yeung Hing, 30, before Mr. Q. A. A. MacFadyen at Kowloon this morning when charged with stealing two magazines, costing 34 cents, from a book-store in Nathan Road.

Accused explained that his craving for knowledge got the better of him, and acting on a sudden impulse, he took the journals.

Inspector Wright stated that accused took the books from a cupboard in the store, but was arrested as he was walking away.

Accused had only 10 cents in his possession.

He was fined \$5, or two weeks' imprisonment.

PIPES STOLEN

The stopping of a coolie carrying iron pipes in Belchers Street led to the arrest of Leung Kau, 25, who was charged before Mr. H. Hinsworth this morning.

Det-Sgt. H. T. Matchee, stated that the coolie had told the constable who stopped him that the man walking behind him, defendant, had hired him to carry the pipes. They had been stolen from the back of the Duro Garage, in Nathan Road.

A fine of \$10 or one month was imposed.

RUSSIA DOMINATES DISCUSSION IN HOUSE OF LORDS ALSO

London, To-day. Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, announced in the House of Lords yesterday afternoon that if the independence of Greece or Rumania was threatened, and they considered it vital to resist the aggression, Britain would lend them all the support in her power.

Lord Halifax added that this declaration was being communicated to the governments directly concerned and to others, especially Turkey, whose close relations with Greece were known.

The Foreign Secretary said he understood France was making a similar declaration.

Referring to the withdrawal of Italian troops from Spain, Lord Halifax stated that Count Ciano (Italian Foreign Minister) informed Lord Perth (British Ambassador in Rome) on April 9 that when the troops went, Italian planes and pilots would also leave.

Lord Snell and Lord Lothian, on behalf of the Labour and Liberal Parties, respectively, urged an alliance with Russia as absolutely vital.

RUSSIAN DIFFICULTY

Replying to the debate, and referring to Russia, Lord Halifax emphasised that the Government had had to meet real difficulties, which were not of their making.

Throughout these anxious weeks he had done his best to keep the Soviet Ambassador closely informed of the Government's view (with just regard to the confidence of others) and in regard to difficulties that in other quarters would be felt.

HALIFAX PROMISE

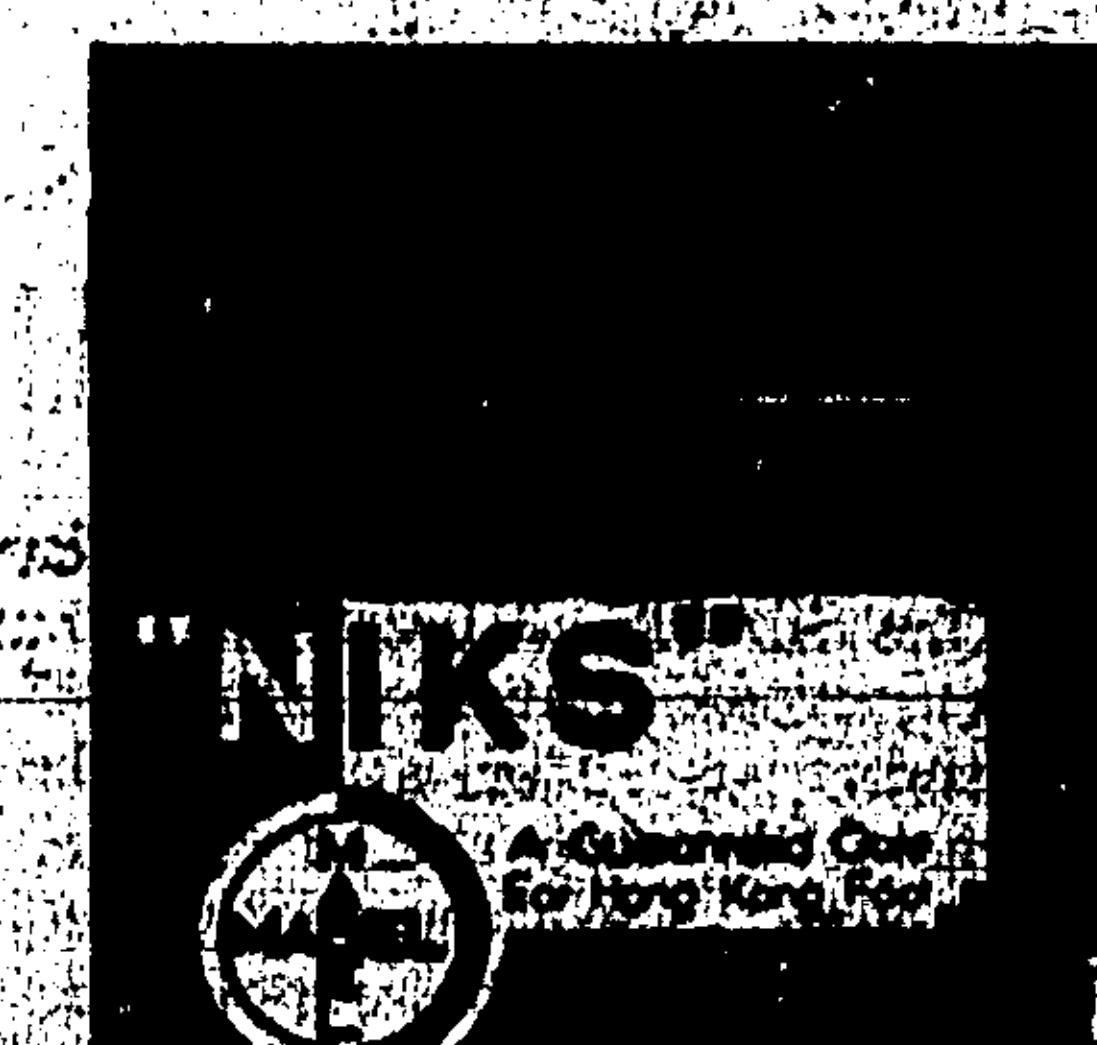
Lord Halifax assured the House that nothing was further from the thought of the Government than to interpose any ideological ideas in the way of their determination to use their best efforts to bring together all who might be on the side of respect for international relations and those things we are all concerned to safeguard and buttress.

He added the Government would do everything in their power to remove difficulties. — Reuter.

ADM. YARNELL TO TOUR YANGTSE

Shanghai, To-day. Admiral Harry Yarnell, Commander-in-Chief of the American Fleet in China, will leave to-morrow on an inspection tour up the Yangtse.

He will travel as far as Hankow and will land at Nanking and Kiu-kiang. — Our Own Correspondent.



THREE-POWER ALLIANCE DEMANDED

London, To-day. Speaking in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Hugh Dalton (Opposition Labour) urged an Anglo-Franco-Russian military alliance against aggression, whether in Europe, Asia or North Africa.

Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, replying, emphasised that there was no sort of desire to exclude Russia or to fail to take full advantage of help from Russia in the cause of peace.

Replying to Mr. Dalton, who asked whether the British Government at any time proposed to the Russians a definite Anglo-Franco-Russian military alliance, Sir John Simon said:

"Although I cannot say that a particular proposition has been made the House may take it that the British Government is raising no objection in principle to any proposition."

The debate concluded without a vote being taken and the House adjourned until Tuesday. — Reuter.

LAST SHRED OF POLICY OF APPEASEMENT

LONDON, To-day. "THIS NAKED ACT OF AGGRESSION TEARS TO TATTERS THE LAST SHRED OF THE POLICY OF APPEASEMENT," DECLARED SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR, LEADER OF THE LIBERAL OPPOSITION, SPEAKING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY ON THE ITALIAN INVASION OF ALBANIA.

Sir Archibald added: "It violates the Anglo-Italian Agreement and the gentlemen's agreement on which the Agreement is based.

"We are faced by an act of conspiracy between the Axis powers."

Sir Archibald Sinclair asked for a Ministry of Supply without delay.

PROVE OUR RESOLUTION

"Let us be prepared," he said, "to prove our resolution, and then let us rally others who are threatened to our common cause."

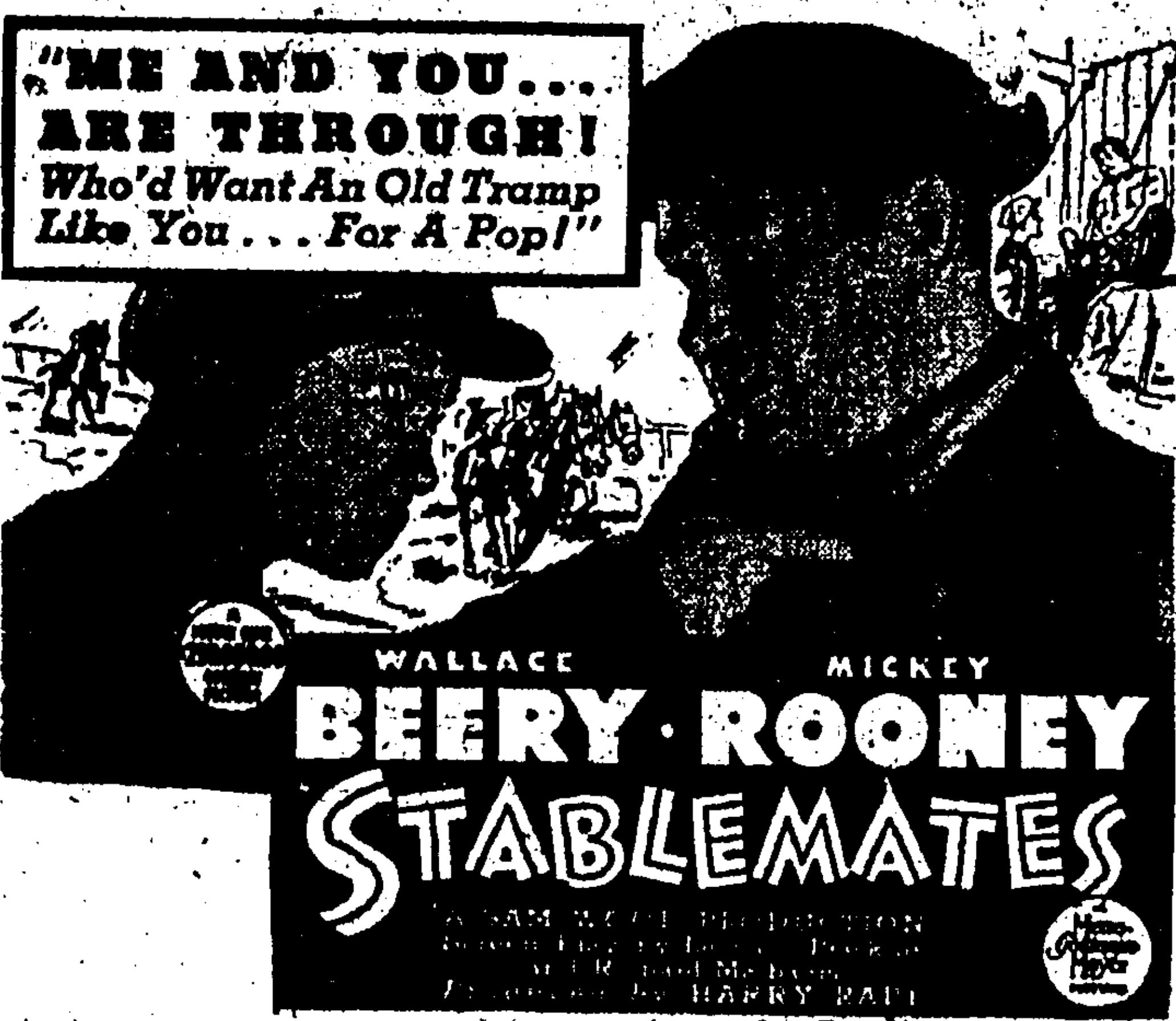
Sir Archibald also emphasised the need for friendship with Russia. — Reuter.

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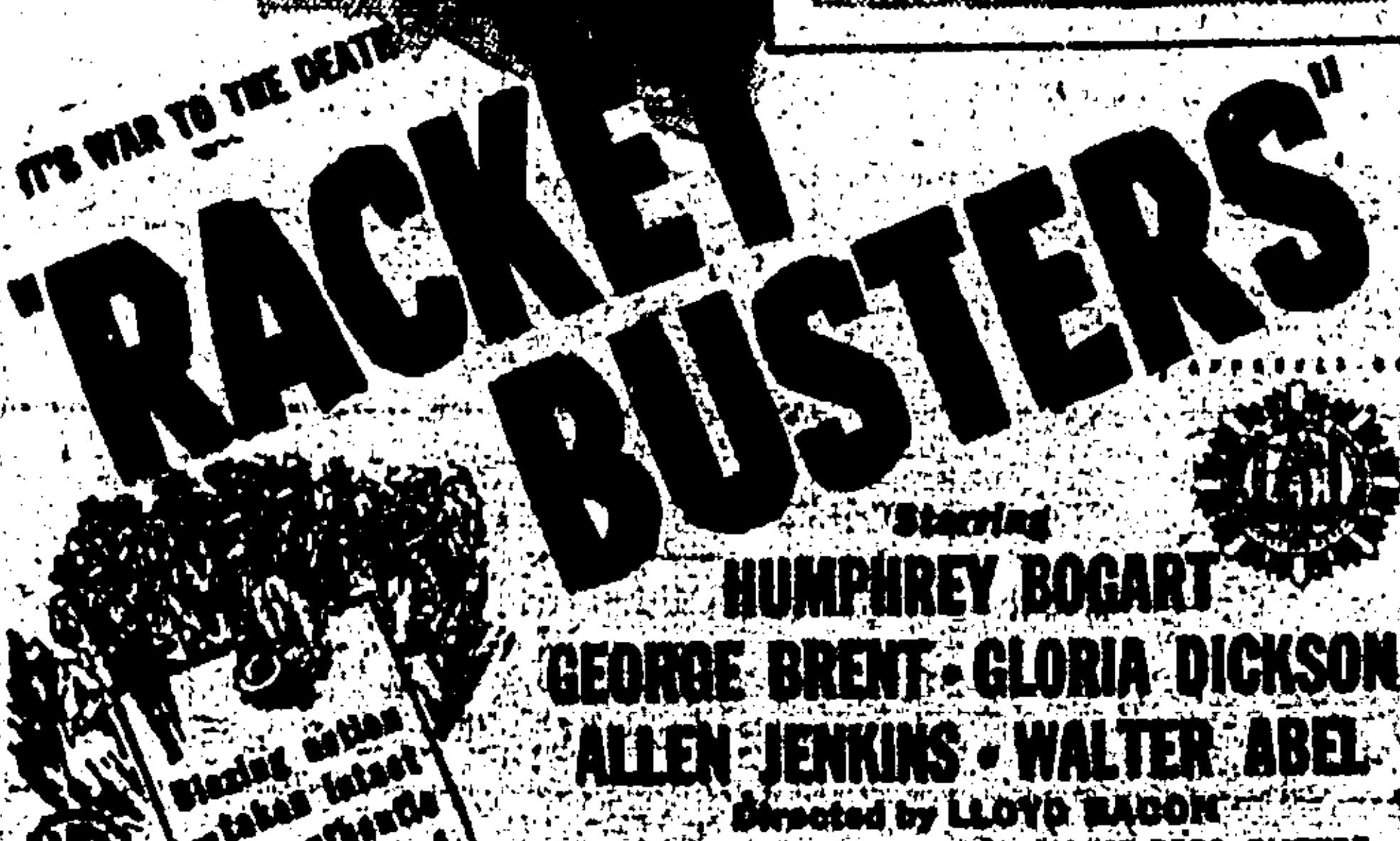
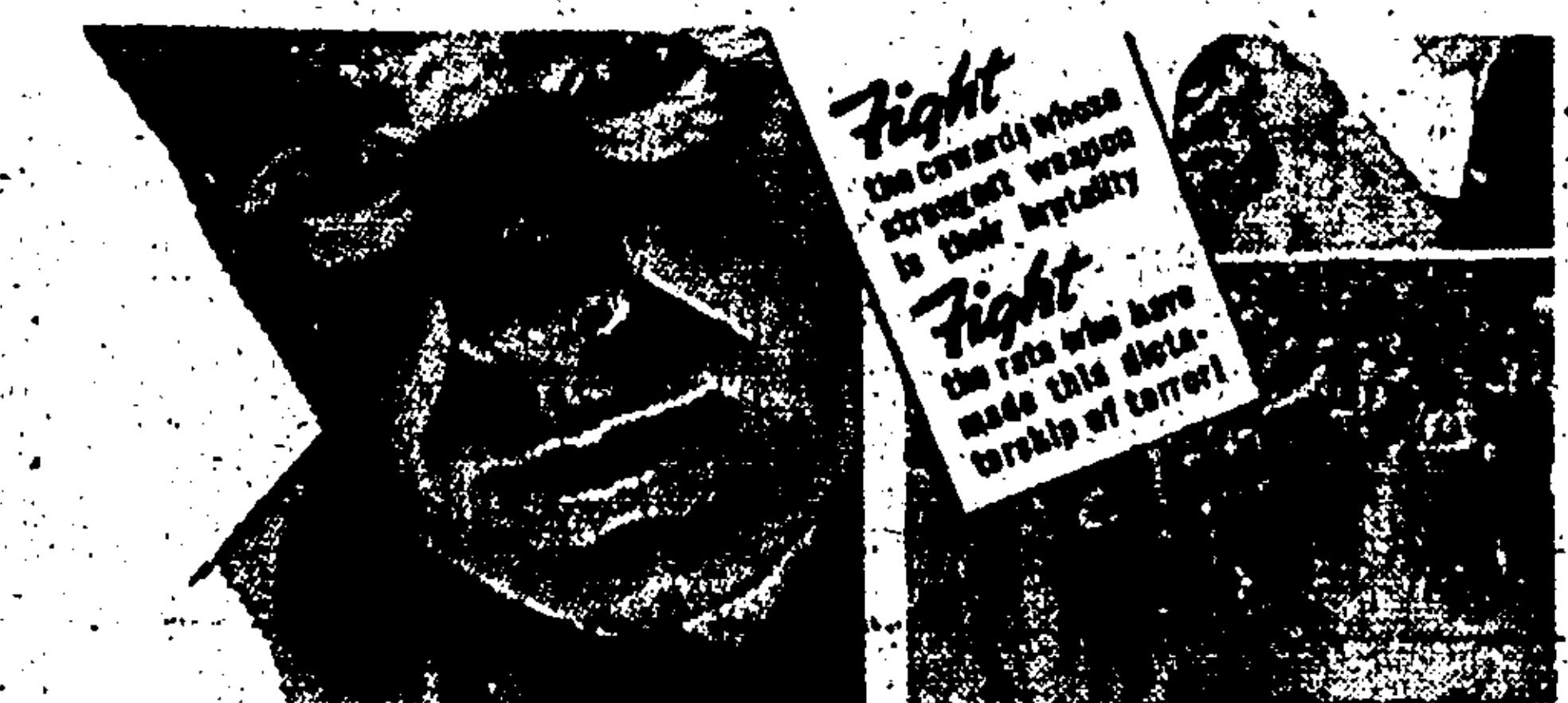


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M. DALADIER GIVES SIMILAR GUARANTEES TO GREECE AND RUMANIA

Paris, To-day.

A similar declaration in respect of the assurances given to Greece and Rumania, as announced by Mr. Chamberlain on behalf of Britain in the House of Commons, is contained in a statement issued by M. Edouard Daladier, the Premier, on behalf of the French Government.

M. Daladier reiterates the aims of French policy as outlined in his broadcast on March 29.

He says that France has since acted without wordy demonstrations and vain provocation.

Let's March To Paris

Rome, To-day. Simultaneously with the meeting of the Fascist Grand Council in the Palazzo Venezia, there was a mass demonstration in front of the Palazzo, where Fascist organisations, with flags and bands, as well as a huge crowd had collected.

When the Secretary-General of the Fascist Party, Starace, read the resolution passed by the Grand Council, the masses shouted:

"Down with France!"

"Let's march to Paris!"

Time and again the Fascist leaders shouted: "What is France doing?" and the crowd answered: "We are fed up with France!"

The Duce then appeared and stated that events in Albania were the result of Italy's will power and might, adding that Italy would be a true friend to friendly powers, but would take up a clear, decisive and determined attitude towards hostile powers.

Italy, he concluded, would go her way relentlessly to-morrow as she was doing to-day and had done yesterday.

The speech was continually interrupted by cries "Let's march to Paris!" — Trans-Ocean.

GRAND MUFTI INVITED TO CAIRO

London, To-day.

The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem has been invited to the new Palestine conversations in Cairo and it is expected that he will accept the invitation. The new British proposals for a solution satisfactory to the Arabs will be the subject of the conversations. — Trans-Ocean.

Copenhagen, To-day.

The Commanding General of the Danish Army, accompanied by the Chief of the Danish Navy, Vice-Admiral Rechnitzer, will arrive in Berlin on the evening of April 18th, to participate in the celebrations for the birthday of Chancellor Hitler. — Trans-Ocean.

TO HONOUR HITLER

Bratislava, To-day. The Slovak Ministerial Council has decreed that in honour of the birthday of Hitler, all public buildings in Slovakia are to fly the Slovak flag. Children in the schools will be told of the importance of the day. — Trans-Ocean.

THE CHINA MAIL, APRIL 14, 1939.

Mr. Attlee Not Satisfied By Premier's Statement

REAL POLICY OF ASSURANCE WANTED

London, To-day.

Mr. C. R. Attlee, Leader of the Labour Opposition, following Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons yesterday, declared himself disappointed with the Premier's statement.

Mr. Attlee proceeded: "We have a deliberate breach of obligations undertaken by Mussolini in the Anglo-Italian Agreement. We regard the Agreement as part of a mistaken policy, an unreal policy of unilateral appeasement.

"In my view the rape of Albania is to the Anglo-Italian Agreement what the destruction of Czechoslovakia was to Munich, and the general effect is simply that one cannot accept the word of either the ruler of Germany or Italy.

"When people suggest that troubles can be dealt with if only reasonable people would meet round a table, we have to remember that these people are not reasonable.

"We have got to face the position that everywhere in Europe there is great anxiety, and everyone is asking who is going to be the next victim.

SETTLED POLICY

"The attack on Albania was certainly not a sudden attack occasioned by something done by King Zog. It was part of the settled policy of the Axis powers and was directed towards the disintegration of the whole of that part of Europe.

"I welcome the fact that we have undertaken responsibilities towards Poland, Greece and Rumania, but the Government to-day has accepted just those responsibilities they refused to accept under the Covenant of the League.

"We want to see a real policy of assurance. These individual pluses are useful but we want to see the dam stopped.

"We want a policy which is going to build up collective security for years, and something more than a policy of cover for a week or a fortnight.

RUSSIA

"I do not think it would be wise to under-estimate the difficulties in which the totalitarian States find themselves, but if we are to prevent war we must get a strong enough force to deter an aggressor.

"I am sorry, therefore, that we got no mention about the position of Russia.

"If you want to build collective security you must get unity between Britain, France and Russia.

"I feel that a general declaration of solidarity between those powers would be a rallying point around which all those forces which stand for peace could be brought in."—Reuter.

BALKAN UNITY

"Full inclusion of the Soviet in our peace talks, and

"Promotion of unity in the Balkans.

"The four Balkan States are an immense combination, and if they can only stand together they are safe."

WHAT GERMANY WOULD LIKE

Mr. Churchill said he was not convinced that Italy had made up her mind to be involved in a mortal struggle with Britain and France.

"It may be assured," he said, "that Germany would like to make sure Italy is getting into a war with the Western Powers before any main strokes are delivered in central or northern Europe.

"It is not in Britain's interest to facilitate that start."—Reuter.

JEWS REJECTED

Kaunas, To-day. The Latvian authorities, on Wednesday, refused a group of Jews, wishing to enter the country, the necessary permission and decreed that in future no more Jewish emigrants will be permitted to enter Latvia.—Frank Ocean.

KING VICTOR TO ACCEPT ALBANIAN "OFFER"

Rome, To-day. The Fascist Grand Council, meeting last night, approved King Victor Emmanuel's acceptance of the Albanian crown.

The crown was "offered" to him by Albanian notables.—Reuter.

SURRENDER OF LEADER OF TERROR GANG

London, To-day.

Confirmation has reached London of the report that Aras Abdul Razzak, one of the two rebel Arab fighting leaders in Palestine, gave himself up last night to the French authorities in Syria at Fiq, north of El Hama.

Razzak's career has been distinguished by utter ruthlessness and implicit obedience to the Mufti's orders whatever they may involve, and since he assumed the position of leadership sixteen months ago he had been the principal agent of rebel leaders outside Palestine in maintaining the terrorist grip on the Arab population of Palestine.

Razzak and his sixteen followers were in an exhausted condition when they gave themselves up.

They stated they had not eaten for three days, and as British forces prevented their return to Palestine, they crossed the frontier into Syria.

The French authorities have removed them under escort to Palmyra.—British Wireless.

HUNGARY'S WITHDRAWAL FROM LEAGUE

Budapest, To-day.

Hungary's withdrawal from the League of Nations was discussed by the Foreign Minister, Count Csaky, in a lengthy speech before the Parliamentary committee for Foreign Affairs yesterday.

The League, he declared, was regarded during the past decade as an instrument for holding up the Paris treaties, but it later became a source of propaganda against Fascist and National Socialist ideology.

In the field of the minorities, the League was unable to fulfil its promises and the disarmament which it encouraged resulted in disadvantage to the disarmed States, such as Hungary.

Count Csaky described attempts to reform the League Covenant and the position taken by Hungary. On one side were international obligations on the other the interests of Hungary and her friends.

He concluded with the following statement:

"We wish to stand on our own feet. And if we wish to maintain freedom of decision as regards our friends, we must also retain our freedom in respect of the incomplete League of Nations and not bind ourselves through definite obligations.

May I emphasise that our resignation came about following deep consideration, not because we have assumed other obligations or intend to assume them but merely because we deem it necessary to secure to an increased degree the free self-determination of the Hungarian nation in the approaching period of dissensions.

Our resignation will certainly lead many States to wonder whether political cooperation with the League is not equivalent to taking sides.—Trans-Ocean.



Robert Young and Margaret Sargent in "The Shining Hour" seen change at the Queen's.

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DECEPTION

"I've got to tell you this," Monty said. "I didn't intend to at first, but now—" He hesitated. The girl, her face pale and lovely in the moonlight, watched him expectantly, wonder and a trace of doubt written in her eyes. Behind them the silhouettes of Miami Beach's fashionable hotels were etched against a sky that was bright with reflected artificial illumination. In front of them was the ocean.

"But now!" Karen softly persisted. Monty gestured, as though suddenly he had reached a decision. "Well, now," he said, "it's different. He looked down at her, his eyes intense. "I don't have to tell you why. You know why. You know what has happened—to me, at least." And before she could interrupt he rushed on: "I'm not Monty Harper, the millionaire playboy you think. I'm Henry Duncan Babington, an English duke." He laughed. "The Duke of Glenn. Sounds good, doesn't it? But that's all. I'm broke. My family mortgaged everything to raise funds to send me to America." His lips twisted into a wry smile. "I'm supposed to trade my title for an American fortune."

For a moment Karen did not answer. Faintly she heard the sound of music. A band somewhere was play-

Naturally I'm here to settle the matter of—er—your affair."

"Oh," said Monty dismally.

"How's it going, by the way?"

"Oh, fine," said Monty. "You've no idea. But look here, old man, we mustn't rush things. These Americans are queer. Don't like to be pushed. You'll have to give me another month."

Fleming was doubtful. "Well, anyway, I'll meet Miss Dayton to-night and have a talk with her."

"Meet who?" asked Monty blankly.

"Miss Dayton. Joyce Dayton. Look here, you act as though you didn't know she was the girl with whom we were—er—bargaining. Nothing wrong, old boy?"

"No indeed. Not a thing. To-night, eh? Well, the sooner the better."

Monty was miserable. He had dinner in his room, dressed and came downstairs about 9 o'clock. Apparently the hotel was sponsoring some sort of function, for the lobby was crowded. Fleming came weaving toward him through the crowd.

"Where the dickens have you been? I've talked with Miss Dayton. She's quite willing to marry you at once."

"What?" said Monty.

"Never mind what. She's waiting for you on the terrace. Go out there

By Barbara Ann Benedict

ing a waltz. The Merry Widow. This sound conjured memories, provoked a tightness in her throat. She and Monty had danced to the Merry Widow the night they had met at the Palm Club.

Every detail of that evening and the days and nights that followed were vivid in her mind. Vivid, because with Monty she had found the first real happiness she had ever known.

"Have you—do you love this—this girl with the fortune?"

"I don't know. I haven't met her. I've been postponing the meeting because—"

"Because why?"

"Because I was sure I wasn't going to fall in love with you. Because I thought any minute I could break it off—like that. Then suddenly I knew I couldn't, knew I could never stop loving you. And then, worse luck, I discovered something else. I was being dishonest, and a chap simply can't be dishonest with the girl he loves. It placed me in rather a spot."

"Yes, I should think it would."

He looked at her quickly, and the small hope he had continued to cling to vanished. She had changed. In the mere wink of her eye the warmth had gone from her voice. It was cold and accusing and scornful. He hesitated, wanting to plead his cause, vindicate himself. Wanting to explain about his family, to try and make her understand that he owed them a debt, that they were depending upon him, that he couldn't let them down.

A hopelessness came over him. It wouldn't do any good. She was an American. She couldn't understand Americans had different ideas. He didn't blame her.

When Monty returned to his hotel he was greeted in the lobby by a rather austere gentleman carrying an umbrella and wearing very correct clothes of a foreign cut. He stopped and blinked.

"Fleming. Good heavens, what are you doing here?"

Kenneth Fleming was the Babington solicitor. He and his father before him had handled the family's affairs for years.

"Hello, old boy! Good to see you.

and talk with her."

Monty had alternate warm and cold spells as he made his way toward the terrace. A queer sensation was working up and down his spine. Was it possible—but no, that was absurd! It couldn't be!"

He saw her in the shadows, wearing white, looking lovelier than ever. She came up to him and smiled and the blank, startled look left his face.

"Karen! This is mockery. Nothing you could do could affect me more deeply. I don't blame you for seeking revenge. It was rotten of me."

She placed her hand lightly over his mouth. "Stop! It was as much my fault as yours. I owed something to my family, too. I promised them a title. But I was more cowardly. I had to pretend to be someone else, to know what you were like before—it happened. Oh, darling, can you forgive me for being Joyce Dayton?"

She took her hand away from his mouth then, which proved a very helpful gesture, for Monty suddenly had other uses for his mouth besides talking.

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BATTLE FOR KAIFENG IN FULL SWING

Japanese Admit Violent Chinese Attack

Railway And Aerodrome Both Occupied

Peiping, To-day.

The battle for Kaifeng, in Honan province, was still in full swing yesterday morning, with the Chinese bringing up reinforcements, according to Japanese official despatches.

The Chinese forces are fully equipped and are fighting stubbornly in the southern outskirts of Kaifeng, according to these reports.

The battle is increasing in fierceness as it enters the fourth day to-day.

It is admitted in Japanese despatches that the attackers succeeded in capturing the pro-Japanese Chinese gendarmes from the railway station, which is situated under the southern wall of the city, and occupied Kaifeng aerodrome.

The Japanese authorities state they are still unable to confirm or deny the killing of six members of the "pacification committee" at Kaifeng, but independent and reliable Chinese sources state that it has been fully confirmed that at least four members were killed.—Reuter.

ATTACKS ADMITTED

Shanghai, To-day. Japanese officials here admit that the Chinese have launched another counter-attack at Kaifeng on the Lung-Hai Line.

According to brief messages, furious fighting is proceeding on the outskirts.

Large numbers of Chinese troops are also reported converging on Taierchwang, having captured several small towns in their path.—Our Own Correspondent.

GUERILLA ACTIVITY

Shanghai, To-day. It is admitted here by Japanese authorities that traffic along the Shanghai-Nanking and Shanghai-Hangchow Lines is being constantly interrupted by Chinese guerrillas.

Japanese sappers, including conscript Chinese labourers, are working day and night repairing and keeping the lines serviceable.—Our Own Correspondent.

CHINESE PRESSURE ON TSENGSHING

Yungyun, To-day.

The Chinese ring around Tsengshing, is tightening. According to a telephone message from field headquarters, four Chinese columns are pressing on the city. Many strategic points around the city have been recaptured.

Yesterday evening, one Chinese column advanced to below the city walls. It withdrew in the face of intense Japanese fire.

Japanese reinforcements from Canton and Shektan were intercepted on the Canton-Tsengshing and Shektan-Tsengshing highways. Fighting on the Shektan-Tsengshing highway is particularly fierce.

The bridge east of Tsengshing has been re-occupied by the Chinese.

Bitter fighting continues at Fung-chung and Kiuyiu, 15 miles northwest of Canton.

In the Kongmoon-Sunwui sector the Chinese are pushing toward Sunwui in a new counter-drive.—Central News.

JAPANESE TRY TO RETAKE FAHSIEN

MACAO, TO-DAY. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE MESSAGES RECEIVED HERE LAST NIGHT, THE JAPANESE ARE ATTEMPTING TO RECOVER FA-HSIEN WHICH WAS OCCUPIED BY THE CHINESE A FEW DAYS AGO.

Sharp fighting is reported along the Canton-Hankow Line south of Fa-Hsien where the Japanese forces, considerably reinforced by troops from Canton, are encountering strong Chinese forces.

Battles are also reported raging in the vicinities of Tsung-Fa and Tseng Shing.

The Japanese have proclaimed martial law on the north and eastern outskirts of Canton.—Our Own Correspondent.

SOVIET WARSHIP MOVEMENTS

MOSCOW, To-day.

While the Soviet Russian authorities deny that during the last fortnight fourteen Russian warships have passed through the Dardanelles, and state that no unit of the Soviet Black Sea Fleet has passed

the Bosphorus, it is recalled that Turkish sources on Tuesday confirmed that several Russian warships did pass Trans-Ocean.

GRAVING DOCK FOR PEARL HARBOUR

Washington, To-day. As part of the national defence programme, the House of Representatives has sent to the Senate a Bill authorising work costing \$45,000,000 at naval shore stations.

This includes a graving dock for Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, costing \$8,500,000.—Reuter.

BOMB THROWN INTO HANKOW POLICE OFFICE

Hankow, To-day. An unknown Chinese threw a bomb into the Japanese gendarmerie branch office for the Second District of the Chinese City while photographing of Chinese and Japanese officials was taking place at 10.40 a.m. yesterday.

A Japanese report states that only two Chinese were wounded, of whom one was a photographer. The perpetrator of the outrage escaped.—Reuter.

MARSHAL WU PEI-FU MURDERED?

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY. THE MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF MARSHAL WU PEI-FU SOME MONTHS AGO FROM PEIPING IS STILL BEING DISCUSSED HERE.

It will be recalled that the Japanese made several unsuccessful attempts to induce the Marshal to head the proposed Pacification Commission at Kaifeng, following which the Marshal disappeared, after visiting the American Embassy.

Yesterday it was sensational reported here that the Marshal had been assassinated by the Japanese.—Our Own Correspondent.

PLANNING IN BRITAIN

London, To-day. The rapid progress now being made in Great Britain with town and country planning for the purpose of preserving amenities and controlling undesirable development is indicated by the approval given by the Ministry of Health to 120 schemes submitted by local authorities in the last twelve months.—British Wireless.

NEW PORTUGUESE SLOOP IN MACAO

Macao, To-day. The Portuguese sloop Joao de Lisboa, under the command of Capt. Teixeira Diniz, arrived in port yesterday afternoon. She was built in Lisbon and launched in 1937, and is one of the most up-to-date ships of her kind. She relieves the Goncalo Zarco, which is proceeding to Portugal soon, after a term of eight months.

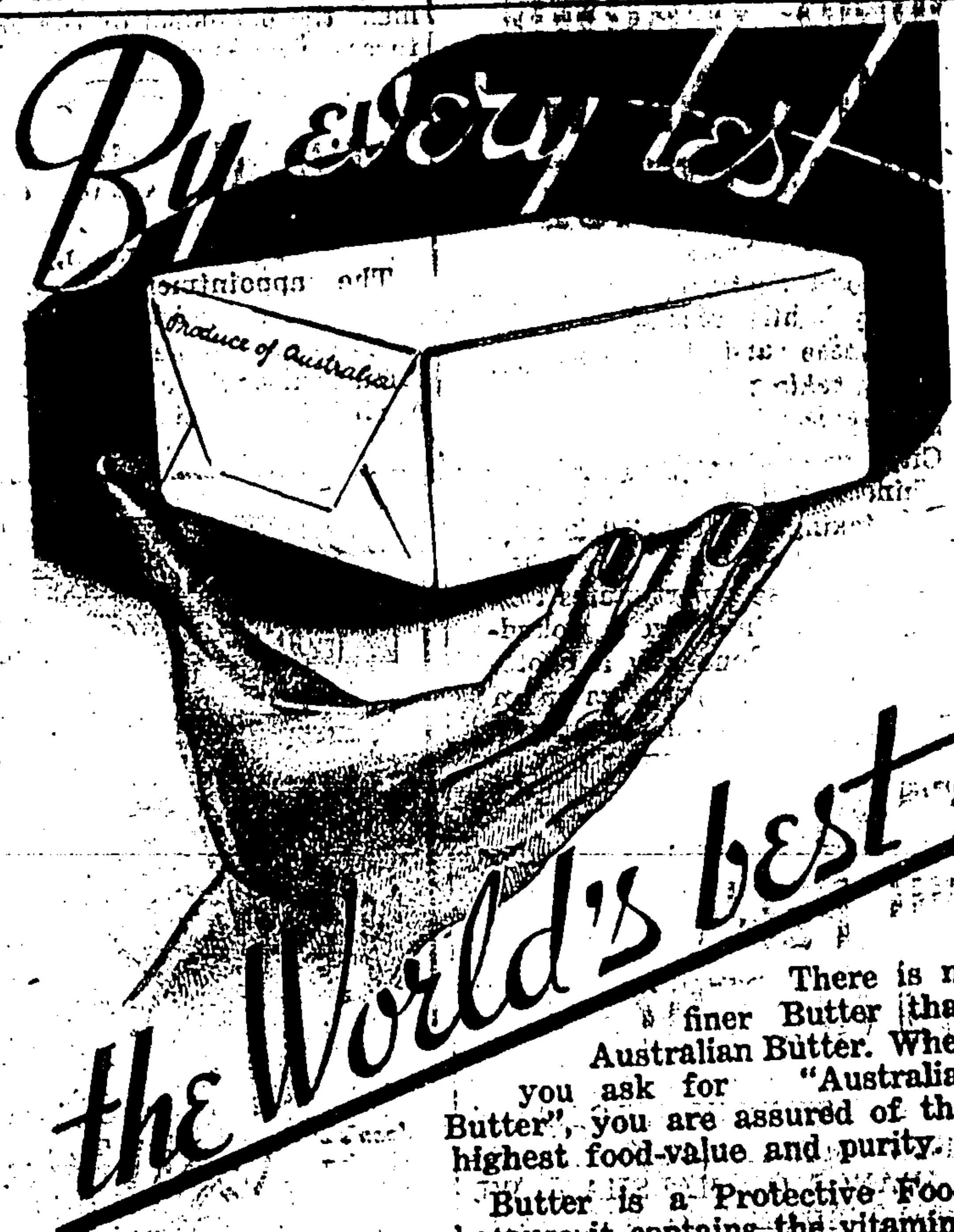
Under orders of the Lisbon government, two aviation officers, Lieuts. R. Silverinha and Raul V. Roque have arrived here as it has been considered desirable to augment the personnel of the local air force.—Our Own Correspondent.

NAVAL CHANGE

London, To-day. The appointment has been approved of Rear-Admiral Arthur J. L. Murray to be Rear-Admiral, Fifth Cruiser Squadron, to date 14th April.—British Wireless.



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DEMOCRACIES REBOUND

The French proverb which says that "to talk of love is to make love" apparently does not apply to war. More than a few peace-minded people have been seriously alarmed by talk of war and preparations for war in democratic countries recently. And plainly such measures as partial mobilisations do not heal underlying conflicts. Yet London talks about 37 British divisions going to France in case of war, Britain is not making war in anything but a diplomatic sense, and—if recent experience is a criterion—may be pushing war farther away.

The idealism which sought to make the League of Nations a substitute for war revolts at a fantastic arms race and at military threats. Yet it appears that in the present stage of the world's thinking, to talk of war may be one way of staving off war. This is the motive actuating the warnings both of Mr. Chamberlain and President Roosevelt. War talk from those who will not go to war except in defence of vital interests is safer than the boastful belligerence of dictators in "unsatisfied" countries.

No one can think, of course, that warnings improve the situation. Even if peace is preserved, there can be almost as much danger and injustice in a new status quo based on democratic rearmament as in the post-Versailles status quo which gradually disintegrated into the climax at Munich. There is need for genuine appeasement. Yet appeasement must be justice based on firmness, not concessions made under the clubbing of fear and force. And war is less likely if the peaceful purposes of the de-

mocracies are not mistaken for cowards. Peace is more probable if their actual positions are clarified and the determination and ability to resist under certain provocation is made plain.

Thus it is entirely possible that such moves as Britain has just announced and those which have been taken in the United States since Munich will bring about a condition where positive peace-making can begin. The active policy pursued by President Roosevelt has been one of the biggest factors in the regaining of the initiative by the democracies. And the support for this policy given by a large part of the country has made it more effective. The close-reasoned and statesmanlike declaration the other day by Mr. H. L. Stimson has had great weight and should be studied. It puts the alternatives of American policy in clearer light than has yet been thrown on them. And it reinforces the motif that clarification of purpose and preparation to support that purpose may be the surest road to peace.

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The New War

British opinion has rapidly tended of late to move away from the theory in the World War; and it must now be accepted as a probability that Britain would not again send abroad a powerful expeditionary force on the scale of 1914-18.

But if this decision should be taken, it must not for a moment be supposed that Britain would put anything less than the whole of its power into the prosecution of war. Its aim would be nothing less than to defeat the aggressive purpose of the enemy, by the best if not the most spectacular means. A powerfully equipped modern army, with the newest weapons, in a fortified position, cannot be successfully attacked except by a force overwhelmingly superior. The task of defending such frontiers against an invader would not be the biggest task of a modern war.

War to-day is described as totalitarian. It is likely to involve every able-bodied man and woman. In the first place, air power has entirely altered the position. The "front" now may be anywhere. The defences must be far behind the lines, not less than at the front. Secondly, success at every stage will depend on superiority of equipment, and of transport, and on the supplies of raw materials and food.

If war should come, it will be Britain's part to maintain, equip and man an air force capable of meeting that of the enemy in attack and in defence of the homeland, and in defence of the fleet; secondly, to maintain command of the sea, protect sea transport, and carry food and supplies; thirdly to maintain an army, including an expeditionary force, but not necessarily a vast one; fourthly, to keep war and other industries at maximum pressure, perhaps under constant threat of air attack.

One must envisage the whole nation engaged in dangerous war work, devoted to the task of building up a resisting power greater than the enemy's, and making vain its attacks on Britain or that country's allies. Man-power will count for less than in the past; mechanism and national morale will count for more. The front line will be everywhere.

Japanese Cabinet And Developments In Europe

BRITISH CREDITS FOR CHINA

London, To-day.

It is understood that orders for approximately \$1,000,000 worth of industrial tools and machinery for China are now being negotiated with English firms under the newly enlarged Export Credits Guarantee Fund.—Reuter.

EURASIA PLANE ATTACKED

Attacked by three Japanese planes on the border of French Indo-China, a big Eurasia plane, on its way from Kunming to Hanoi, was brought down in a crash landing.

This sensational report reached the "China Mail" from authoritative quarters this morning, though the local office of Eurasia Aviation Corporation said that they had received no confirmation.

Only meagre details have thus far been received in the Colony.

It is known that the German pilot of the machine, Mr. Rashje, was injured in the crash, but up to the present nothing is known concerning the fate of the crew or of the passengers.

ON FRENCH SIDE?

The incident occurred in the vicinity of Laokay, on the Hanoi-Kunming Railway. Laokay itself appears on the map to be the last station on the French side of the Yunnan border. Some part of it may, however, be in Chinese territory.

The message received mentions Laokay, but does not state whether the attack actually took place on the Chinese side of the border or on the French.

CONFIRMATORY INDICATION

Trans-Ocean brings the same story from Chungking and a Central News Agency message reveals that Japanese planes were active in South Yunnan yesterday. Nineteen machines, for instance, heavily bombed Mengtsz, some thirty or forty miles from Laokay. Fires started raged until late last night.

BELGIAN CALL TO ARMS

Brussels, To-day.

Among troops recalled to the colours by the latest military measures are demolition specialists, members of anti-aircraft batteries, artillerymen for the forts of Namur and Liege, and reserve officers.

Altogether approximately 5,000 men are affected.—Reuter.

DELIBERATING ON DIRECTION OF POLICY

Tokyo, To-day.

Great importance is attached in political circles to two conferences of Japanese Cabinet Ministers yesterday.

After the Foreign Minister, Mr. Arita, had had a lengthy consultation with the Prime Minister, Baron Hiranuma, regarding the Japanese attitude towards the European situation, Baron Hiranuma immediately called a conference with the Defence Minister, General Itagaki, and the Navy Minister, Admiral Yonai, for a detailed discussion of Japanese foreign policy.

According to well-informed quarters, the main issue was the policy to be adopted by Japan towards the Powers of the Anti-Comintern Pact and to those Powers politically, economically and militarily interested in the outcome of the China Conflict and Far Eastern developments generally.

PITTMAN WOULD SUPPORT CHALLENGE TO JAPAN

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY. SENATOR KEY PITTMAN DECLARED YESTERDAY THAT HE WOULD SUPPORT A POLICY OF TREATING JAPAN AS A VIOLATOR OF THE NINE POWER PACT, WHOSE SIGNATORIES WERE PLEDGED TO RESPECT CHINA'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

Speaking at the meeting of the Senate foreign relations committee, which is studying neutrality, Senator Pittman indicated that he had in mind economic measures which the United States might take in an attempt to force Japan to end what he characterised as a violation of American right to China.

Senator Pittman said this while questioning Mrs. Louise Leonard Wright, spokeswoman of six women's organisations, who asked that the United States' "almost terrifying power" be loosed from the rigid neutrality restrictions which had made the nation a silent partner to aggressors.—Reuter.

EARL OF PERTH'S RETIREMENT

London, To-day. The Earl of Perth, British Ambassador to Italy, who is retiring, is expected to leave Rome in ten days' time.

His successor is Sir Percy Lorraine, former Ambassador to Turkey.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT TO MAKE STATEMENT

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt has arranged a nationwide broadcast at 4 p.m. G.M.T. to-day (Midnight Hong Kong Time).

It is widely believed he will warn the totalitarians against encroaching on Latin-American territories.—Reuter.

RESOLUTION TRUE TO FORM

Rome, To-day.

At the meeting of the Fascist Grand Council, the following resolution was passed last night:

"Having been informed of the decision of the Albanian National Assembly to offer the Albanian Crown to the King-Emperor of Italy, the Grand Fascist Council welcomes with deep satisfaction this historic event, establishing a union between Italy and Albania, which countries have been closely connected for centuries by ties of friendship.

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Mr. Lansbury's Despairing Appeal For Peace Parleys

IMPRESSIVE SPEECH BY MR. ANTHONY EDEN

London, To-day.

Mr. Chamberlain's one-sided guarantees of assistance were listened to with sympathy in the House of Commons yesterday as he asked what guarantee there was, if once more Europe was plunged into war, that masses of young men would not again have given their lives in an adventure which led nowhere.

After he had made a last despairing plea for a conference in advance of and not at the end of the next war, Mr. Anthony Eden associated himself with the profound sadness felt by Mr. Lansbury at the prospect of the world renewing the horrors of the last great war.

No one, he thought, at the time of the Armistice could have contemplated for one instant that nations could be guilty of folly of even approaching to the situation in which they now found themselves.

Mr. Eden went on to explain that his object in intervening in the debate was to correct what he believed was a misunderstanding by the Opposition which might impair realisation of the unanimity of view which he believed existed among all parties.

NEW POLICY

He disagreed with Mr. Attlee that the Government were still pursuing the same old policy. It seemed to him they were very definitely engaged upon a new policy.

There could be no more serious new policy than the commitments that had been announced to-day to Greece and Rumania. Those commitments were extremely far-reaching and went indeed beyond the terms of the Covenant itself.

In addition to the undertakings given to-day to Greece and Rumania, and the similar undertakings given by France, the British and French Governments were doing what they could to build up what he might call a peace front.

"I call it deliberately a peace front because the object is not encirclement of anybody but it is an attempt to arrest a process in Europe which, if it be allowed to continue unchecked, might involve us in universal disaster."

SMASH AND GRAB

Having embarked for good or ill upon that policy, it would clearly be suicidal to halt half way. That way they would get the worst of both positions.

For a long time the aims of some Powers in Europe had been strategical. They had sought by a method of smash and grab — it could hardly be called anything else — to establish themselves in certain positions in order to gain advantages which would enable them to take the next step.

Faced with these methods, other States had first of all to cry halt, namely over the possession of Bessarabia, which is also claimed by Russia.

How it is asked, would England

or animosity to any people anywhere on earth but simply because if that process went on it was impossible to hope to preserve peace. — British Wireless.

After a respite of several days, Germany has resumed the press campaign against Poland alleging anti-German incidents.

A Trans-Ocean message from Danzig states:

A group of about hundred German peasants and their relatives arrived in Danzig yesterday.

They had trekked out of Poland in order to evade further persecution by the Polish activists.

The refugees who have been provisionally billeted in school buildings at Praust, a suburb of Danzig, declare that the Polish activists make practice of molesting any person, male or female, found wearing white stockings which are regarded as a badge of National Socialism. Hostility against Germans living on the Polish side of the frontier is on the increase.

It is also alleged that German houses have been burned down.

London, To-day.

Winding up the Commons debate on the international situation for the opposition Mr. Hugh Dalton spoke of the friendly feelings naturally entertained by the Italian people for England in the absence of anti-British propaganda, and of the way in which those feelings were reciprocated by ordinary men and women in Britain.

The opposition welcomed the Polish Agreement and the Greek and Rumanian guarantees, but while welcoming them they took the view that unless the policy of extending such understandings and bringing other nations within their scope were vigorously pursued, these partial arrangements might be more dangerous than helpful to the cause of peace.

He asked for acceleration of the economic discussions with Rumania.

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Berlin Minimises Importance Of British Statement

Berlin, To-day.

Mr. Chamberlain's one-sided guarantee of assistance to Rumania and Greece are characterised in Berlin political circles as an undeniable sign that Britain is continuing a policy of encirclement.

The question asked here is:

Do Rumania and Greece desire a fulfil her obligations to assist Rumania, should Russia invade Bessarabia?

Attention is called to the recent German-Rumanian trade agreement and the close relations thus established between the two countries.

The Duce has assured Greece of his undeviating friendship.

It is thus concluded that the British offer of assistance is not based on a desire for peace or upon an altruistic inclination towards Rumania or Greece but has, as background, strategical interests. Britain, it is stated, is seeking naval bases in the Black and Aegean Seas.

The statement of the Paris "Intransigeant" that in the case of necessity Greece would conclude such an agreement with England, is significant of the Allied policy with regard to Greece in the Great War.

RUMANIAN VISIT

The fact that the Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gafencu, is coming to Berlin on April 18, for a visit of several days, and that Greek Ministers will be present for the Fuehrer's birthday indicates, it is declared, that these two countries do not feel that they are menaced by Germany.

Rumania has only one open quarrel, namely over the possession of Bessarabia, which is also claimed by Russia.

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BOLSTERING UP AMERICAN FARM PROGRAMME

New York, To-day.

Declaring that the dictator nations had blocked the success of the Administration's trade pact programme, the Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Henry A. Wallace, made a statement in Washington yesterday that he had urged Congress to back Government subsidies for wheat and cotton exports.

Mr. Wallace said the Senate appropriations sub-committee was considering demands for an increase of \$400,000,000 to "bolster up" the farm programme.

He declared that extra funds were needed to maintain American participation in world markets and keep cotton out of the Federal loan. — Reuter.

NO REQUEST FROM RUMANIA

Bucharest, To-day.

That there never was a Rumanian request for an Anglo-French guarantee is stated in unnumbered circles here.

It is pointed out that the guarantee of France and Britain was given "spontaneously" due to the desire of these countries. — Trans-Ocean.

Cairo, To-day.

In view of the international situation the Egyptian Government has banned the export of gold till further notice. — Reuter.

GOLD EXPORT BANNED

News Snack Bar



AN OLD OLD STORY.—Domestic strife is not unknown, even in the animal world. Here are two Arctic foxes, husband and wife, engaged in a heated argument at their home in the London Zoo.

ROADMAN LEFT £2,278

Retired roadman William Barkwell, of Maazel-road, Boscombe, Swansea, has left £2,278. He bequeathed £50 each to his niece, Harriet Whitmore, and his sister, Jane Williams, and all his other property upon trust for his wife for life and then his daughter.

PARADE AGAINST STOPPED DOLE

A hundred unemployed paraded Ballina (County Mayo) as a protest against the dole being stopped owing to their refusal to work on a County Council scheme of work at 7½d. an hour.

FOOTBALL STAND COLLAPSES

At the Rugby League semi-final at Rochdale spectators clambered on to the top of the stand, which collapsed, and hundreds were injured. Over a score were taken to the local infirmary.

LIGHTING IN WAR TIME

It is announced by the Home Office that a memorandum is to be issued shortly by the Air Raid Precautions Department, calling attention to a general scheme of lighting restriction to be enforced in the event of war.

MORE BLOOD TRANSFUSION CASES

The London Blood Transfusion Service report a remarkable increase in the number of cases served for the first quarter of 1939. Over 2,000 calls were received, as against 1,573 for the corresponding quarter of 1938.

WEIDMANN REFUSES TO APPEAL

Eugen Weidmann, the twenty-nine-year-old German, sentenced to die by the guillotine for murdering six persons, recently refused to sign an appeal against the death sentence. He said he knew it was hopeless.

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JOHANNESBURG EDITOR RETIRES

After a quarter of a century's service as editor of the Johannesburg "Star," Mr. Charles Davidson Don, a Scotman by birth, has retired at the age of 65. He will be retained in a consultative capacity says Reuter.

ELM DISEASE AT WINDSOR

Several hundred elm trees in King Edward VII-avenue, leading from Windsor Castle to the Thames at Victoria Bridge, have had to be destroyed owing to elm disease, and flowering cherry trees are to be planted instead.

WORKLESS—BY FOREIGN TRADE

National effort, as opposed to the present apathy, is demanded to end unemployment. With the city's docks and timber yards full of foreign imported floorboards and window frames—all sent ready for the builder to use—Hull (Yorkshire) sawyers and woodcutting machinists are finding their livelihood seriously threatened.

Foreign competition is holding back the sawmill owners, too. They do not feel justified in opening new mills—which would provide regular work for skilled men now unemployed. Foreign mills, working on a subsidy and paying workers about a third of Hull's rates, can afford to cut prices.

And it is a story that can be repeated all over Britain.

Then comes a statement by the executive of the Methodist Social Welfare department . . . "a bold remedial policy, steadfastly pursued, is the duty which the whole nation owes to the unemployed," it declared.

"The Christian sense of community compels us to call upon the Government and the nation immediately to take steps to grapple effectively with the problem."

CAT SITS ON EGGS

Min, a cat owned by Mrs. Davis, of Coombe View, High Halden (Kent), numbers among her great friends Mrs. Davis's hens.

When a hen sitting a clutch of eggs leaves the nest to feed, Min takes her place and keeps the eggs warm until her return.

One good turn deserves another, so when, recently, Min had a litter of kittens, one of the hens would spread her wings over them whenever Min left them to go in search of food.

HE FOUND SKELETONS

Digging in the garden of Mr. F. A. Snow, of the Pavilion, St. John's road, Wallingford, a gardener unearthed the bones of two pairs of human legs. They were remains of Anglo Saxons who lived in the fifth century A.D.

The skeletons are being sent to the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford.

PRESENTED FROM COURT

Heard in London police courts: Wife at Tottenham: My husband says that as I have broke the marriage vows he is perfectly entitled to break up the home. Man (same court): I made up my mind what action I would take if my wife threatened me again. When she did I went out and caught the first bus I saw. Witness at Ealing: This was a very slight crash. In fact you might call it a caress.

SEAL IS THE SEAPLANES' MASCOT

This is the story of the seal and the seaplanes.

The seaplanes are at R.A.F. marine base, Felixstowe, and the seal lives in the dock adjoining the base.

He shied at the planes at first but now he circles round them for hours at a stretch.

The marine airmen have adopted him as mascot, dubbed him Slicker, after his distinguished cousin of the screen.

They haven't been able to shake their new comrade by the flipper yet but they're hoping that one day he'll come right alongside and ask to be taken for his first flight!

RUSSIA VERSUS

BY
DEMAREE
BESS

An inconspicuous news item, sent out from Moscow recently, contained an announcement which probably heralds the most important development in Soviet Russia in several years. According to this announcement, Russia's Army was preparing to take a new oath of allegiance. The 1,800,000 soldiers of Europe's largest army are to pledge their loyalty, for the first time, not to the "workers of the whole world," but to the Soviet Union, their own country. They are to take the new pledge as "citizens of the Soviet Union," and not as "sons of the working class," as they have done since 1917.

upon patriotism in Russia was certainly one of the chief causes for disputes between himself and many of his revolutionary associates which precipitated an internal struggle which has raged in Russia since August, 1936. The struggle, in turn, weakened Russia at a moment of international crisis, and affected all those countries in Europe or Asia which had depended upon her own resources. Russia has become as violently nationalistic as other nations in history which broke off connections with the outer world. To-day young Russians are being taught that most foreigners are "outer barbarians." Even the "working class" of other countries, which was excepted for a time from official denunciations, is now regarded with suspicion in Moscow.

To students of Soviet Communism, this was indeed a momentous announcement. It helped to answer a number of questions about Soviet Russia which arose after the Munich settlement had so completely shattered Russia's ties with Europe. In particular, it suggested an answer to the question, "What foreign policy will Russia pursue in a post-Munich world?"

One thing seems clear: Soviet chieftains, after several months of discussion, have adopted for their army an oath of allegiance which is purely nationalist for the first time since the revolution. They thus carry to a logical conclusion the tendency toward nationalism in Russia which first became apparent in 1933, after Hitler's rise to power in Germany. Once again, after 20 years of Marxian internationalism, Russia has thus swung back to nationalism. Moscow's socialism, a system of state ownership of everything, thus officially becomes national socialism. Russia's Communist rulers have taken another step toward dissolving the legend that they are a "general staff of world revolution," whose government and army belong, not to Russia, but to the "international working class."

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It seems reasonable to interpret the new army oath of allegiance as a formal admission that Russia's present rulers have turned away from the whole conception of "world revolution," and intend to concentrate their attention upon the development of a Soviet Russian national state. Circumstances appear to have convinced them that "popular fronts" with all kinds of non-revolutionary political parties to resist anti-Soviet movements of every kind. Some of these "popular fronts" had ephemeral success, but invariably failed in times of national crisis, because the citizens of national states usually fear and distrust fellow-citizens who take their orders from a foreign capital and a foreign ruler.

national patriotism is more effective in holding together the citizens of a modern state than the more vague appeals of a "world soviet republic." If Stalin abolished the Communist International now, he would embarrass Germany, Italy and Japan, who have used the Comintern as the pretext for their "anti-Comin-

Looking back, one can see that tern bloc." He would compel these Stalin foresaw and predicted his states to change the ideological government's present state of isolation, and began to build up energetically, with the assistance of his propaganda machine, the feeling of rope and even in Asia.

It is doubtful, however, whether, the Soviet rulers will go that far.

They are caught now in a dilemma. If the Communist International dissolves the myth of the fountain-head of the communist revolution, it will be faced with several factors. Moscow, by dissolving the International, would destroy the basis of the most effective combination against her. She would lose the best allies. But, on the other hand, she would lose the

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FOR some the roses blossom late in life. Joan Harris had found it that way. Life had been hard for her, when it should have been blooming; it had presented such difficulties that she had grown to despair of anything else arising, and yet in the thirties she had drifted into calm waters. She had found peace.

Or wasn't it so?

She sat stitching in the pleasant kitchen of the miller's house. There came the sound of the mill wheel churning, the clucking of the hens beyond the door, the faint sweet smell of the last sunflowers and Michaelmas daisies. "I'm lucky," she told herself.

Joan had had to work hard in her teens for an old father. She had toiled early and late for him, and always she had cherished the idea that one day romance must be hers. Love-Home Children. The three things that every woman wants deep down in the soul of her. The essentials. Then, when her father had died, she had found herself helpless. In these modern days people demanded training of any servant, and she had had no training in anything save the art of home-making. That seemed to be a lost art, the art that nobody wanted. For a little while she had gone from pillar to post, trying this and that and despairing. There had been heartbreak and unhappiness, but she had had to go on that way. Then she had met Ted Cheam. Ted had swept her right off her feet. Gay, Glamorous. A romantic figure in the world which had become drab and everyday. Believing that love was hers, she had married, only to regret it. "I'm unlucky," she told herself, "one of those people on whom good-fortune turns the other shoulder."

Ted had lived the very opposite life from hers, and they thought along different lines. It wasn't anybody's fault, she told herself, but one of those things which just happen. She was shocked that he drank a little, swore a lot, and had friends whom she would have called unscrupulous. Being shocked did not help her. Ted laughed at her scruples; he called her Little Mrs. Sunday-School, and life suddenly became rather dreadful.

Romance is a fickle thing. Joan had gone on and on, hoping something would happen, hoping she would have a baby, hoping life would become beautiful again, but through those difficult years nothing had set things to rights. Nothing at all. There was no baby. Ted did not want one. Then suddenly there came the day when there was the final quarrel. He had kept on with the romance, so he told her, because his home was comfortable, she cooked well, and she kept his clothes patched. But as to the rest of it, he was through.

She had argued that they were married and it was for ever; she had stood there staring at him with reproachful brown eyes. He had laughed. Marriage, said he, but theirs had never been marriage. When she heard that it seemed as though the world slid from under her feet.

He told her quite frankly. He had had a wife years ago in another

"LATE ROSES"

continent. They had parted by mutual consent, and she was not likely to take action against him. But Joan had never really been married to him. He had laughed about it. He had thought it quite a joke.

Poor little Mrs. Sunday School. After that they had gone their separate ways and she had closed the door on the three things that a woman wants most from life—love, children, and a home. They were not for her. She had for a time gone shifting from pillar to post, and finding life exceedingly difficult. She applied for the position of housekeeper, and she filled it ably, but it was hard to find the right post.

When she had come to the mill she had known at once that it was her niche.

Graham Strong was older than she was: a man with a pain in his eyes that she could not bear to see. Forty, without wife or chil-

would bring the whole horde on your track.

This woman was good-looking in a cunning way. Black-eyed, with black hair unstreaked by grey. Her mouth had a boldness, and although her figure gave the idea of age, she was not old really. She said "Pretty lady, let me tell your fortune."

"I know my fortune, thank you."

But the gipsy had taken her hand. "Ah" said she, "in love with the man who owns the place. And he in love with you! That's a good start anyway," and she laughed.

Joan would have drawn back, but somehow she could not. There was so much truth in what the gipsy woman said, something that could not deny.

"Cross my hand with silver, lady!"

"I don't believe in fortunes," she said helplessly.

Short Story -:-

By Ursula Bloom

dren and no ties in the land. Forty, with a prosperous mill, and impossible to find the right person to run his home. From the very first she had worked hard for him. She had repaired the ravages other housekeepers had made on the place; mending, tidying, putting right, and coming to love the mill and the pleasant garden, and the water beyond, with its still deep pool, and its dripping wheel.

And to love the man as well!

For a time she had kept that from herself, choosing to draw down the blind on her innermost feelings. Graham with his fine face and hurt eyes. Then, one evening he had himself broken down the barrier between them. "You're different, so different," he had said. He had stood there staring at her, and for a moment it seemed that the pain lifted, and as though all manner of happiness were in store. She knew that she cared, had not she been trying to blind herself to it all these months?

Now, as she sat there sewing in the room, she told herself that it was only a matter of time. Graham loved her; she had known that at once; and she loved him. He would marry her one day. Autumn brings its late roses. Its own late loveliness. And they would blossom for her. Love, children, and a home. She hummed a tune as she sewed.

She heard a step on the crazy path without, and looked up. It was one of those gypsies again. An old crone carrying a pack. Clothes pegs, all manner of things for sale. She tapped on the door. Joan got up and went in answer.

"Nothing to-day" she said.

It wasn't any good encouraging these gypsies, for they haggled and argued, and if you were kind to one, it meant that tomorrow

that was tense and strained; a moment when Joan had the feeling that she stood on the edge of a volcano and that at any second it might blow up and kill her.

Then Graham spoke. "After all these years," he said brokenly, like a man who has been stunned.

For a moment Joan stood still, then she knew that this was no place for her. If she stayed she would be trespassing on something intimate in his life, something to which she had no right. She turned and went out into the little kitchen. She stood there, clutching at the table and looking through the wide window to the peaceful fields and lanes of Kentish country. Something had happened in the mill, something which she did not understand. Something which, for a vague reason which she could not fathom, threatened her own happiness.

Long after Graham called her into the sitting-room. In that time he had become quite old. "I want to tell you the truth," he said.

It was the very story she might have suspected. A young man, romantically-minded as she had been herself in her teens. A man who set love and sentiment on a pedestal and worshipped at their shrine, and the meeting with a gipsy girl in a moment of madness and moonshine. Their marriage, and their rattle-taggle life for a whole year later. And, as his crazy passion for her died, the knowledge came that he could not possibly tolerate her way of living, her disregard for law and order, and her wandering ways. Her own knowledge that his life was not hers, and finally the day when she had walked out on him and into the world beyond their doors. A creature of the hedges and ditches, a homeless vagabond who did not ask more of him.

He had gone on his life here, and all the while he had known that somewhere in the world she lived and wandered and stood as the barrier between him and honest marriage with the woman he really loved.

"You see," he said desperately, "I do care for you. I wanted to marry you from the moment we

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"You?" he said at last.
It was the gipsy who recovered first. There had been a moment



The novelty race at the Diocesan Girls School Sports provided lots of fun.



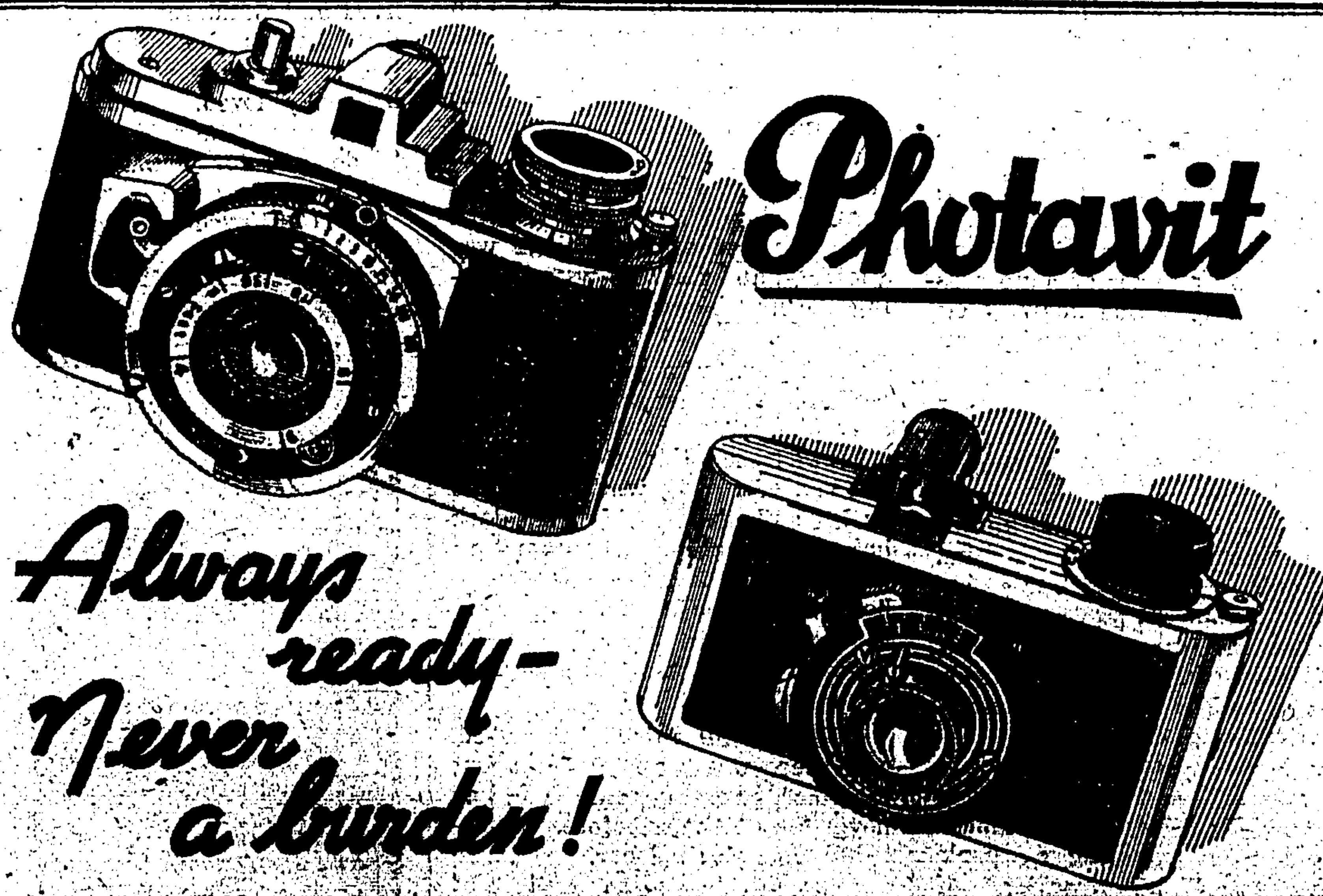
A farewell Lawn Bowls match was held at the K.B.G.C. on Sunday for Mr. C. B. Hosking, Secretary of the Lawn Bowls Association, who is retiring. Mr. Hosking can be seen on right.



Some of those who attended the farewell Bowls match to Mr. Hosking.



D.G.S. girls watched while their teachers participated in a race all to themselves at the Sports. The event was won by Miss Turbett.



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Rosie Mark, who won the Junior Skipping Race at the D.G.S. Sports.



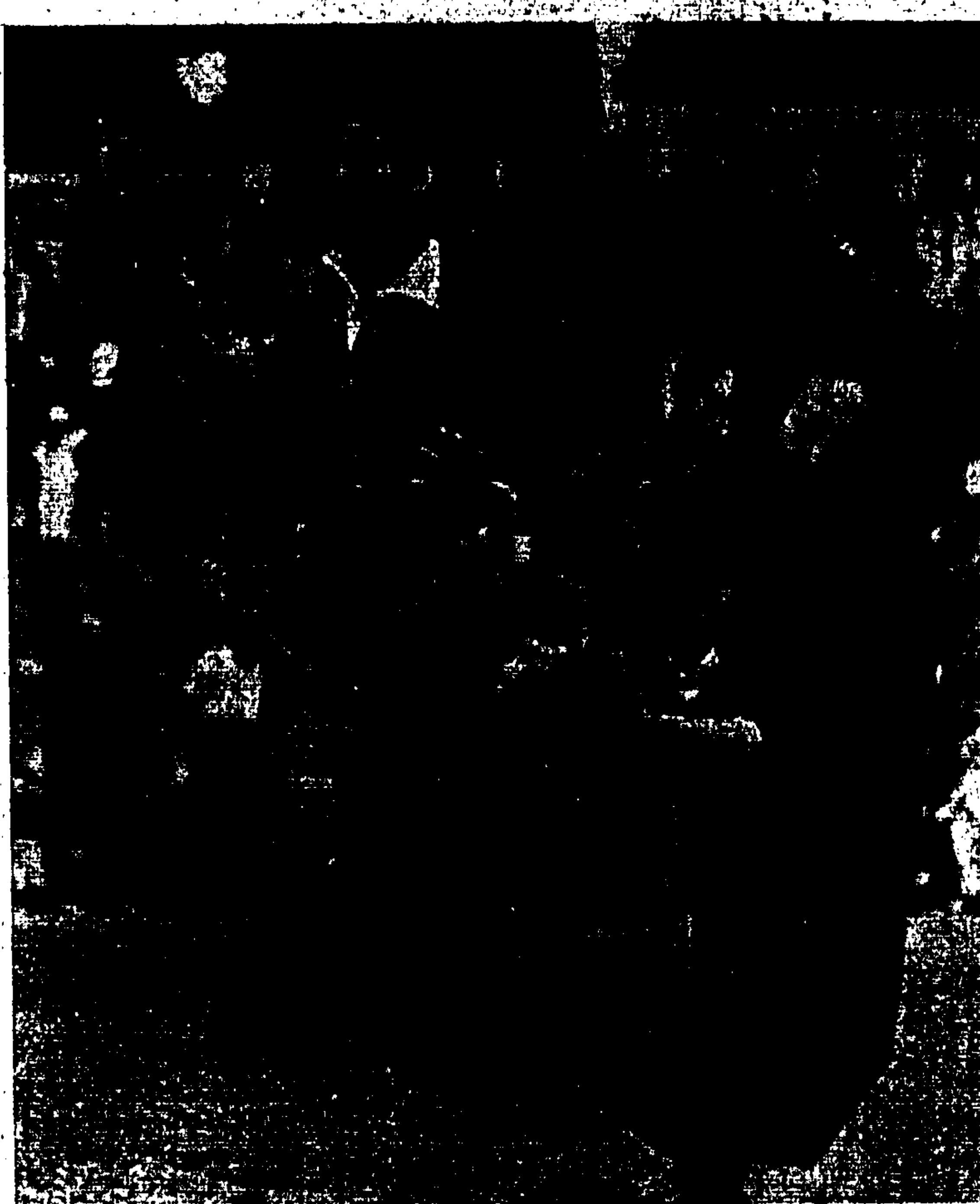
The High Jump at the Diocesan Girls School Annual Sports, which were held last Wednesday.



An amusing shot during the Teachers' Race at the D.G.S. Sports.



One of the junior events at the D.G.S. Sports.



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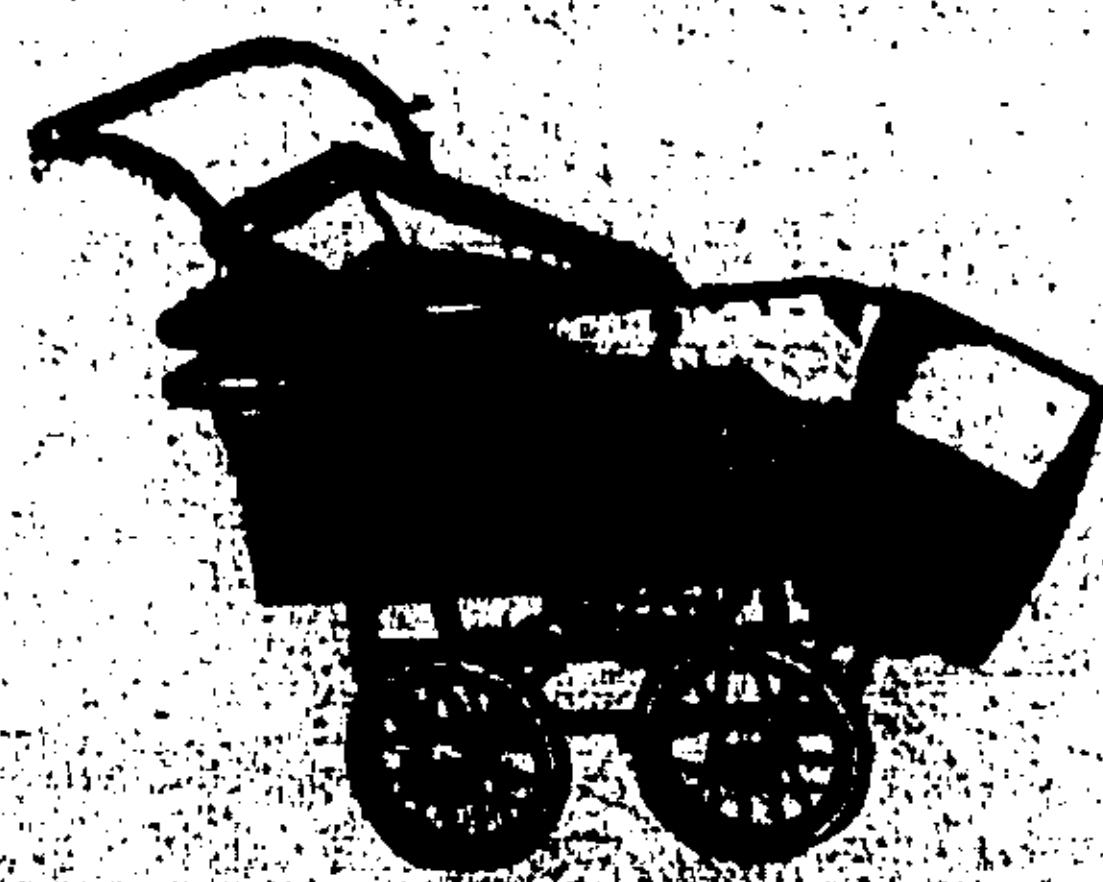
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A high jump at the D.G.S. Sports last week.



Hong Kong was introduced to a new sport recently by Mr. J. T. K. Gilchrist (seen on left of picture) in the shape of pigeon racing. In the above picture Mr. Gilchrist is starting the first rally ever held in the Colony.



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THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S CORNER

By Mariel Nissen

BASEBALL STAMP ANNOUNCED

THE United States Postmaster General has announced that the Post Office department will issue a commemorative stamp in honour of baseball's centennial this year. His statement ended one controversy while opening another.

For over a year Post Office officials have been receiving requests for such a postage item, and have consistently and emphatically denied the possibility of the issue. The announcement of the Postmaster, therefore, has created considerable surprise all around.

The design is yet to be arranged, and many an argument must be settled before the stamp takes form. Favourite theme for the adhesive seems to be a portrait of Christy Mathewson, but dozens of other ideas will probably be considered and discarded before the final choice is made.

Practically certain, however, is the fact that Cooperstown, New York, will be the place of first day sale, the date of which will be—again probably—June 12.

It was at Cooperstown in 1839 that Abner Doubleday marked out a diamond and devised the diagram of bases and positions which made him the inventor of baseball. Cooperstown is planning a summer-long programme of events to mark the centenary of the occasion. On June 12 star players of the Major Leagues will assemble there to dedicate Baseball's Hall of Fame and the National Baseball Museum, a handsome building that will house many famous relics of the sport. What with newsreels and broadcasts quite a time is expected. With a first day postage stamp sale to add to the festivities, Cooperstown will have a day long to remember.

Baseball is not quite a new sport in postage history. The Philippines, Colombia and Panama have issued stamps in honour of baseball, all three designs bearing action pictures of the game.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS

TWELVE denominations comprise the new reign issue recently released by the British Solomon Islands. Values, colours and designs follow: half-penny, green and blue—native spears and shields; 1p, blue-purple and brown—native policemen and old chief; 1½p, red and green—scene at Auki Island; 2p, black and brown—canoe and house; 2½p, green and magenta—Roviana canoe; 3p, black and blue—Roviana canoe; 4½p, brown and green—native house; 6p, magenta and purple—coconut plantation; 1 shilling, black and green—breadfruit; 2sh, black and orange—Tinapulu volcano; 2sh 6p, black and purple—megapode birds; 5sh, red and green—canoe.

This is another of the many recent instances where the new King George VI postage adds needed variety to a colony's postage roster. Since its first stamps in 1907, Solomon Islands has used only three postage designs (exclusive of the Silver Jubilee and Coronation items common to all Crown colonies). One of these was a portrait of King George V and the other two were scenics.

ODDS AND ENDS

DUTCH EAST INDIES has issued two new values in large format portraying Queen Wilhelmina. These new stamps are 2 gulden blue-green and 5 gulden in olive-brown.

In April, France will issue a commemorative for the laying of the keel of the battleship Clemenceau. A portrait of Georges Clemenceau will appear in the design.

Brazil has issued five stamps to commemorate the first anniversary of the new Brazilian Constitution. The values are: 400 reis, 600r, 1200r, 1600r, and 5000r. A portrait of President Vargas provides the design for all values.

ANOTHER INSECT STAMP



MEXICO has apparently embarked on a project to present philately with an insect chamber of horrors. The mosquito stamp issued a few weeks ago was not exactly pleasant to contemplate, and the new grasshopper item is guaranteed to spoil a night's sleep for the timid. It pictures a huge grasshopper attacking a man who has his hands outstretched in appeal. The stamp has a value of 1 centavo, is printed in blue and is to be used as propaganda in a drive against the insect.

STAMP TEASERS

1. On what stamp do five bats represent the five chief blessings of life?
2. What was the Balbo Squadron and what stamp commemorates it?
3. Natives are seen ploughing a rice field on what adhesive?
4. What stamp pictures an allegorical figure of America offering a laurel wreath to Columbus?
5. Who was Teresa de Albuquerque and what stamp does honour to her?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. On a Lithuanian stamp of 1920 an altar fire is burning before a sacred oak tree.
2. Francesco Ferruccio, a famous soldier of the Borbone Republic, is honoured on an Italian stamp set of 1920.
3. In 1929 the Aegean Islands issued a stamp set which includes a design of the city of Sparta in prehistoric times.
4. The British Empire is in Egypt and appears on a stamp issued in 1900.
5. The Karađorđević Dynasty has been honoured on a Serbian postage series of 1904.

"LATE ROSES"

met, Joan dearest, but what can we do?" It seemed that the roses of autumn had come too late.

"There is no way out," he said desperately.

In her own room Joan thought about it. She supposed that she ought to leave him, ought to go away from the temptation of seeing him day in day out, but she loved him too much. It is so easy for those who have never loved to preach that doctrine; so simple. But, when you love, you have to stay.

Within the week the gipsy was back again. Joan, sitting in the kitchen waiting for the cakes to finish baking, heard her footstep on the stones, heard her imperative rap on the door, and when she went in reply, saw her smile, a trifle sneering.

"Times are hard, pretty lady!"

"You mustn't come here."

"Oh, but I must. I have a right here. He is my husband," and she drew herself up.

"You never came near him all these years. You never thought about him. You left him of your own free will, and now you only want to torment him." Joan could not help herself, she was indignant.

"I need money," said the gipsy, and her voice whined a little. "Give me money and I will go."

Instinct warned Joan that she would only go for a time. She said, "You will not go. You will come back. I know that."

The woman leaned against the lintels of the door, her pack between them. She said, "If I go I go for good, but I must have money. I told you when I read your fortune, pretty lady, that things would be happy for you. That love would win the way."

"You would have told me anything," and Joan's eyes were suspicious.

The gipsy leaned closer still. She said, "We come of strange people, we gipsies, we have our own customs and our own ways. If you will give me the money I will go, and I will leave the pathway clear for you, pretty lady. Will you help me so that I may help you?"

For a moment there was something pathetic about her eyes, dark and lustrous. Against herself, Joan was persuaded. She said with dry lips, "How much do you want?"

"I want enough to take a caravan to the other end of England. Enough for me to start afresh with a travelling show." She named a sum that seemed prohibitive.

"I couldn't," said Joan hurriedly.

Next day she was back again. Persistent. Dogmatic. What could she do? She loved Graham so much that she dare not tell him the truth; she wanted to save him from this torment. She did not want him to be worried. She began to look into her savings. It was, of course, sheer madness to part with them for a woman who would never keep a promise, and yet she did not see what else she could do about it. Now she lived in terror of the sound of the gipsy's feet on the stones, and of her face through the crack of the door, fawning, sneering, with a smile about those false words "pretty lady."

Feverishly Joan began to collect the money.

Then there came that night, that eerie October night, when the wind blew forcefully, and the floodgates

were full with water coming down from the hills after recent storms. It was a grim night, and when Graham came in, his face was drawn. She said, "You're worried about something?" and he told her that he was not worried, yet she knew that he was.

For a moment doubt shot through her. Was he being tormented by some secret of which she was unaware? There came the sound of a knock on the door, that knock she had grown used to.

"It's that gipsy again," she said involuntarily before she could stop herself.

He lifted haggard eyes to her. "Has she been worrying you too?"

Joan nodded. "She has been badgering me for money, saying she would leave the way clear if only we would help her. Clear for me to marry. I don't know what to do. I don't know what to think." Again there came the knock, insistent and grim. He said, "No, don't open to her. Let her stay. She will go away in time, right away. It is no good encouraging her."

Joan went over to him. "Graham, we are in a terrible vicious circle. What is the way out?"

"No way unless we take the law into our own hands. We love one another. We have a right to love, and because we made mistakes in our youth surely that ought not to stop us now? Would you risk everything for our future, my dear?"

She longed to tell him that she would willingly give him her life, but something held her back. She said, "We have got to have trust. We have got to stay loyal to the last. Something may happen, something may make the way clear. She said it would."

"She would say anything. You don't know these gipsies, with their fortunes, like I do." He turned from her despairingly. Again there came the sound of the knock on the door, and a voice calling to them. He looked at Joan and shook his head. "No, I will not open to her any more."

The wind tearing at the trees, the sound of the water sucking in the lock. Then her steps on the stone; she was creeping round the house for the other door, the door which Joan had left unlocked. She sprang up and went hurriedly to it, shooting the bolt in time. She felt now that the woman who was creeping round the house was sinister and strange. She felt that she had shut out the menace to their happiness, and that Graham was right. She must not come into the house again. The sound of the water seemed to increase. Outside there was never the sight of a star, it was pitch dark. Joan, hardly knowing what she did, stood there with her back to the locked door. She heard the woman coming creeping along the house, walking on the narrow path which lay between the water and the wall itself. She was seeing with anger.

"I'll force my way in," she screamed. "I'll come in whatever you may say."

Graham had come out of the sitting-room, his face ashen. "She must be drunk," he whispered hoarsely, and his hand took Joan's from behind her and held it fast. "Never mind, we are together."

Sudden blast of wind round the corner of the house, a mad fury of the October gale, and the sound of the gipsy woman's screaming and drowning in a splash.

Their eyes met.

(Continued from Page 1)

"Graham, quick, she must have fallen in. Missed her foothold in the dark. The gale, you know." It was Joan who turned and pulled back the bolt.

The door swing wide. Outside the darkness was like a velvet pall. The wind gushed into the kitchen and set all the paper on the shelves shivering. But beyond that sound, and the soothings of the water against the sides of the lock there was nothing more. Nothing at all.

They found her next day. A useless life which had ceased to be. And, after the storm and the darkness, there came a morning which was serene and calm. It was their morning at last. Joan said, "I cannot bear to think what that poor thing suffered. It seemed all wrong that the way out should be like that. It seemed so terrible."

He said, "What else could happen? Perhaps it was best, cruel as it may seem. Whatever we had paid her she would have been back again. Whatever she had done we could not have escaped her."

"I know."

The roadway was full of gold and russet leaves which last night's gale had flung down in handfuls. Yet, turning, Joan saw against the miller's house a single rose, a late autumn rose still in flower, nestling against the wall.

For some of us late roses blossom.

She knew this bloomed for her.

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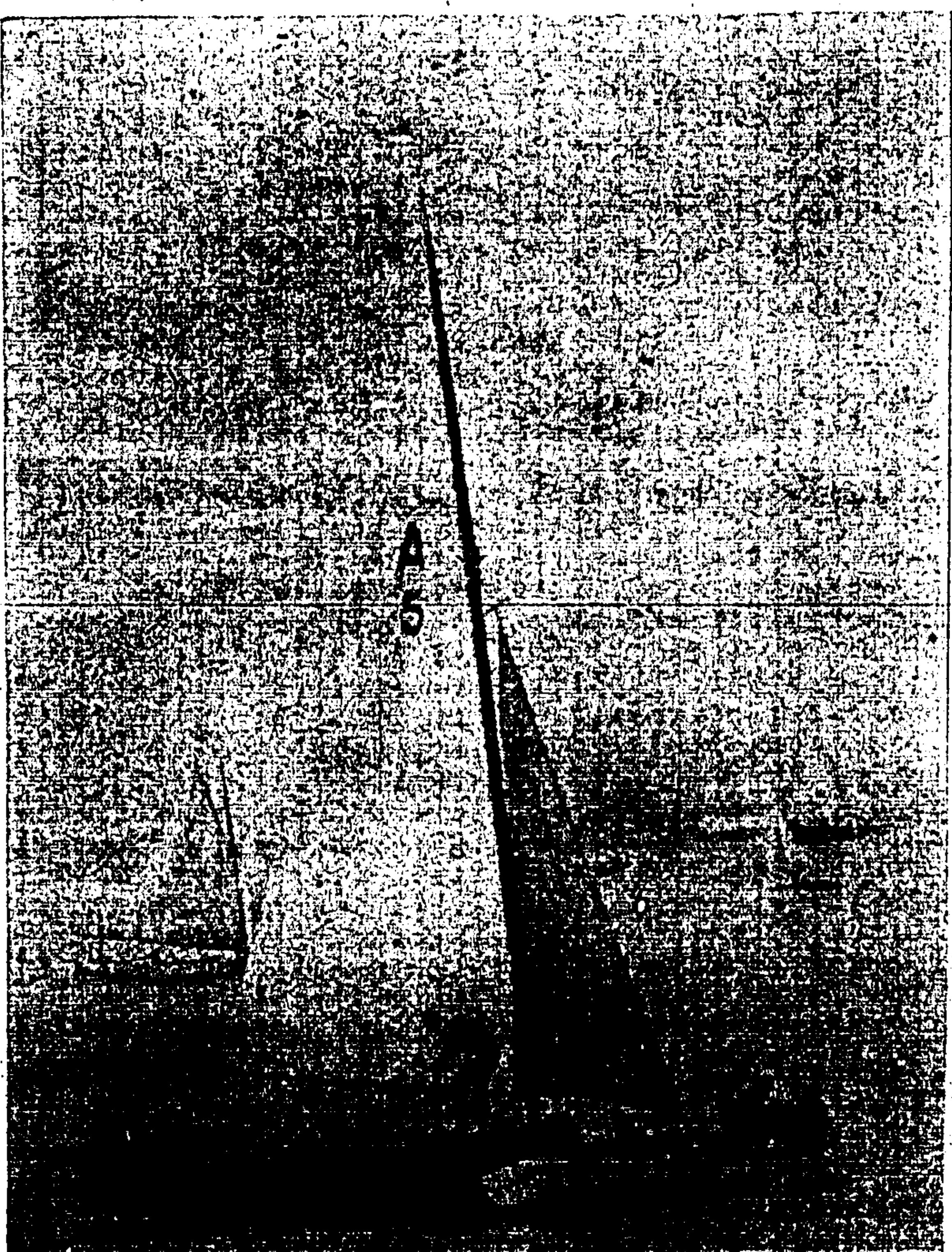
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That make the motors stop.
And when to her I murmur,
"We're all alone at last."
She thinks about those signals
And says, "Hey, not not so
fast!"
Chorus please:
Oh, my girl Lizzie's
Like those coloured traffic
lights.
She says "stop! — Caution! —
Go!"
When I get busy

Canoodling her o' nights
She says "Stop! — Caution! —
Go!"
Each night I fairly cop it,
I can't go right ahead—
I know I've got to stop it
When she starts turning red.
Her clutch and chassis thrill me
so.
But she's only got one speed—
Dead Slow.
Oh, my girl Lizzie
She's got me simply dizzy
With her Stop! — Caution! —
Go!"

'O NATIONALISM'



ow, as they have she now receives from some section, on the horns tions of the "international working they dissolve the class." More important still, she national, they also would disillusion thousands of her that Russia is own long-suffering citizens who of world Com- have been assured for twenty years. They must weigh that their sacrifices were designed it is true that to erect a new social order for the entire world.

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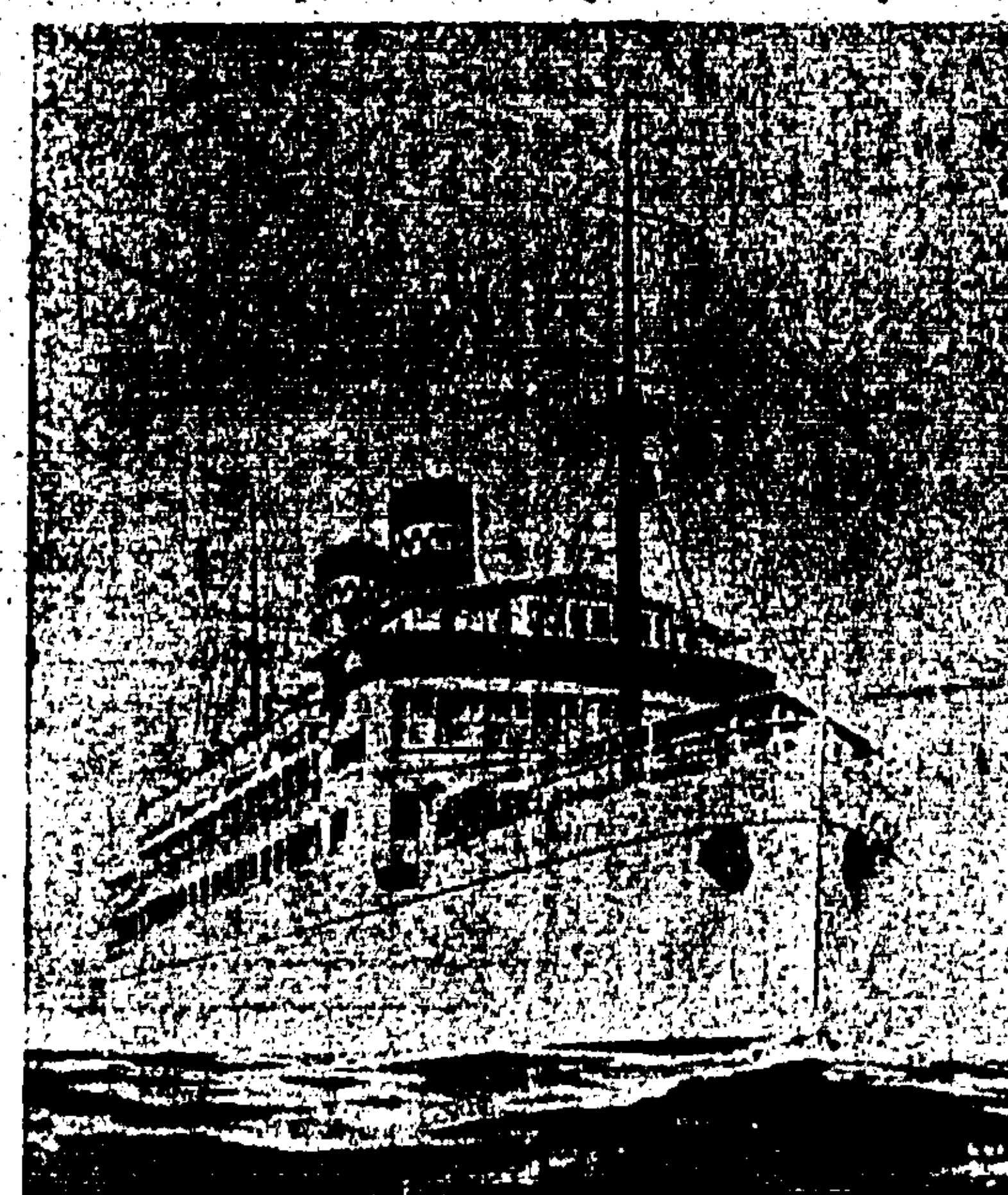
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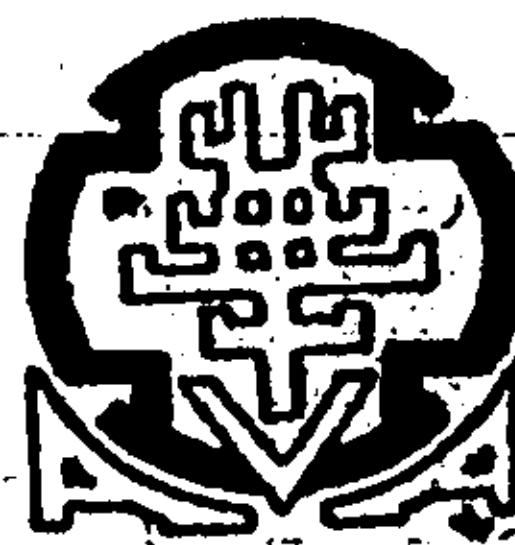
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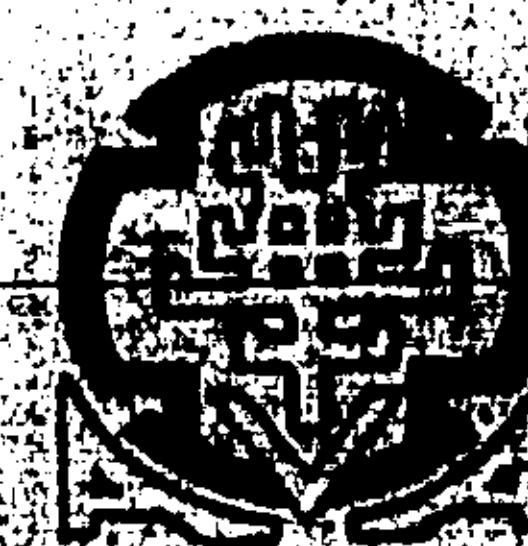
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This is a perfect fashion for business, street and general wear; with different brooches, clips and necklaces, you can vary it endlessly. With a flower at the neckline, it will look dressy enough for tea and informal afternoons of bridge. Flat crepe, small figured prints and faille are ideal materials for this.

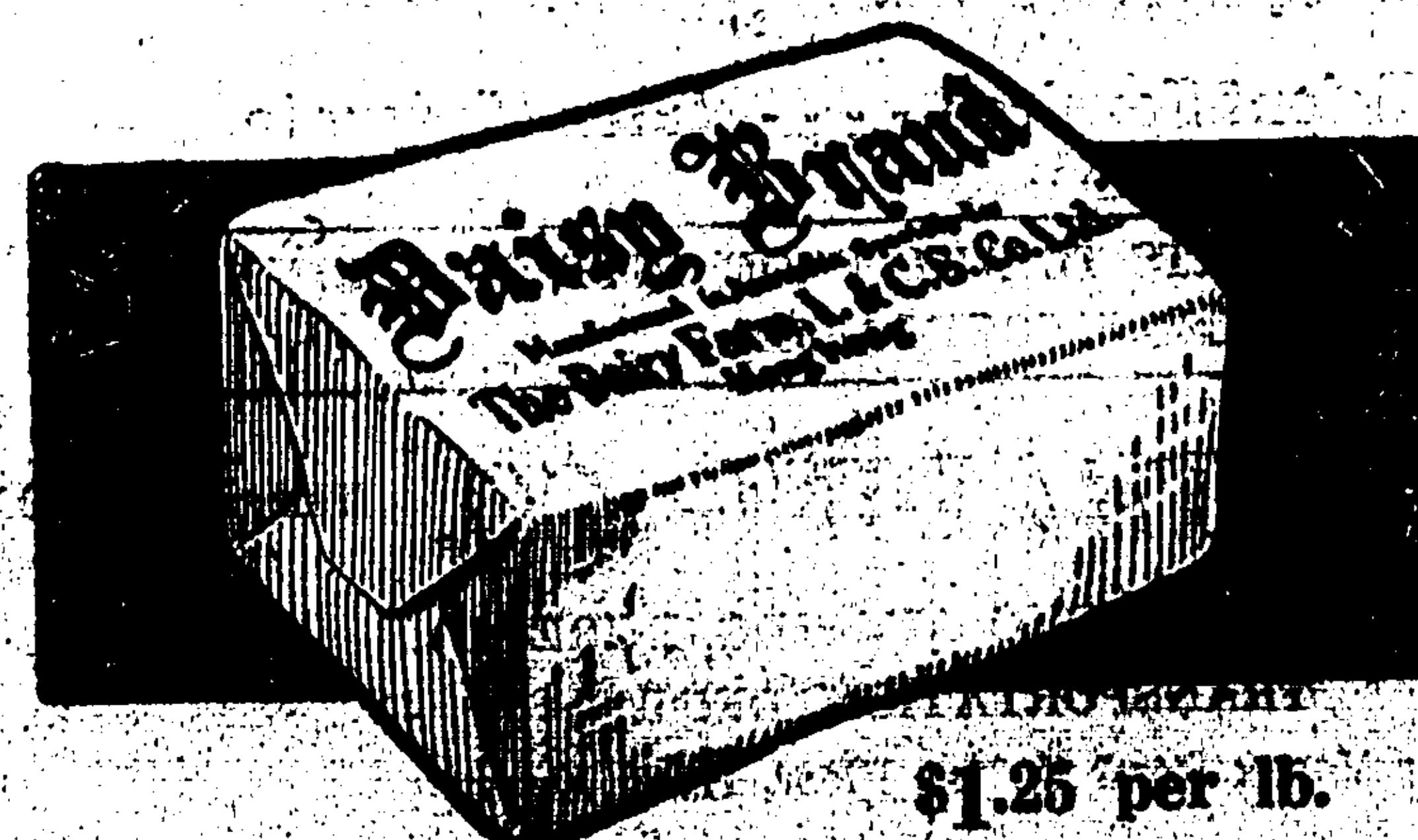


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The scalloped closing, you notice, extends only as far as the waist, where it is cut sharply over to one side, providing a generous cap and eliminating buttons all the way down. That little trick makes this design easy to iron, as well as quick to get into.



It's time for a new supply of comfortable, good-looking sleeping or lounging pyjamas for Spring and Summer-time. Here's a way to do it that you'll like very much. It is a particularly smart style for slim young things who look piquant in very wide trousers, a bloused waistline and a ruffly little peplum around the hips.

This is a particularly cute top, with a two-button closing at the back, puffed-out sleeves, and a swirl of braid at the square neckline.

The trousers are cut to fit perfectly and they tailor beautifully. Chambray, gingham, batiste, silk crepe and satin are nice for this design.

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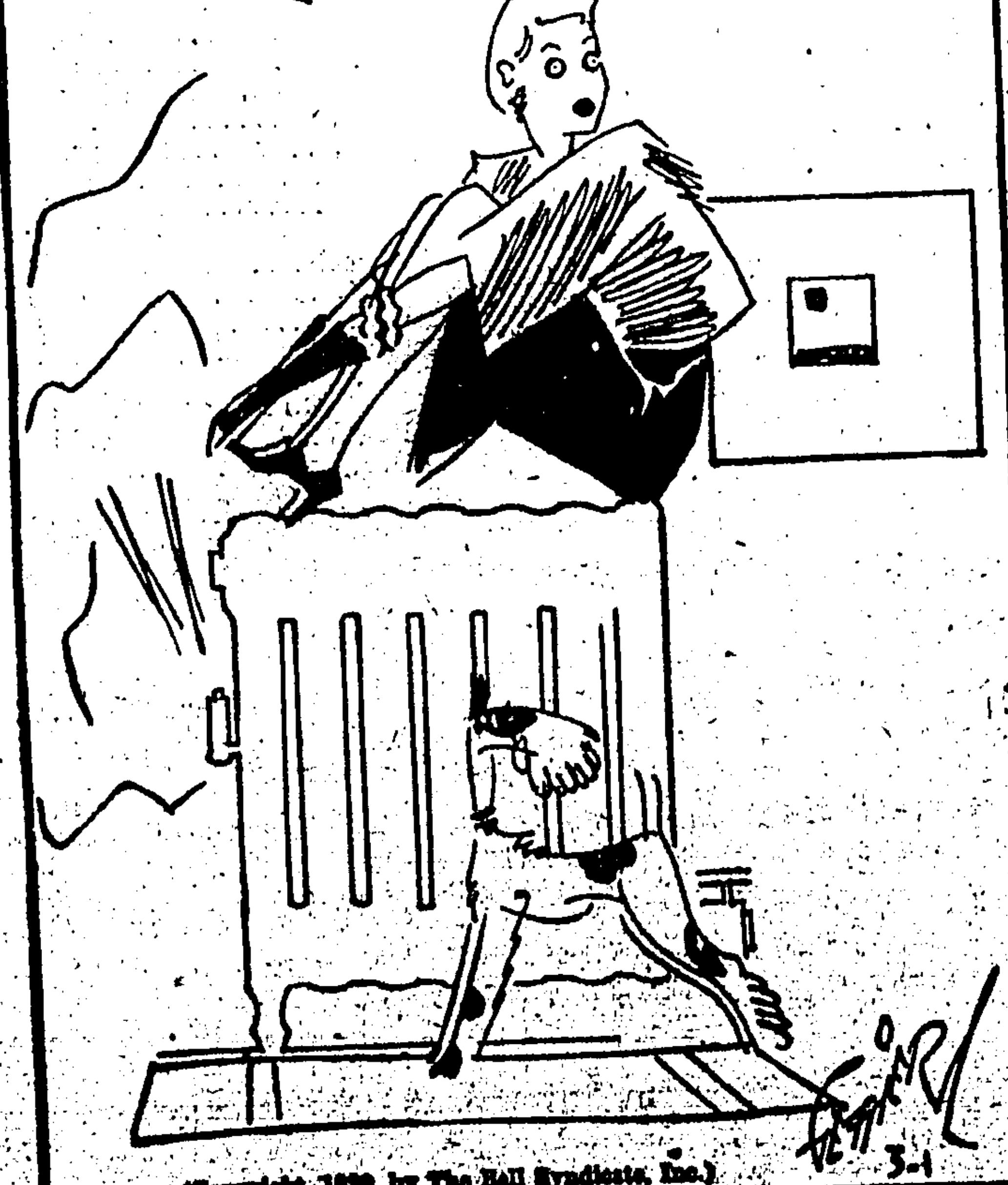
Giving in to a temptation to procrastinate will be the underlying cause of most of this day's troubles. There may be a turning point in one of your personal affairs, that will bring to you a sense of deep gratification: Be careful you do not embarrass some person this day by making an abrupt remark that will take the wind out of his sail, and arouse his dislike. It apparently is advisable for you to do everything, in a very conservative fashion, particularly if you do any shopping. Avoid crossing streets, or going up or down stairs in absent-minded manner, for through mental abstraction accidents are liable to happen. Extravagant statements are likely to give rise to a good deal of skepticism this day. Dictatorial manners or words evidently will get many people into hot water, so you must use caution to leap out of it. Married and engaged couples, as well as those who are in love, ought not to attempt to get the upper-hand in anything involving their mutual

interests, if they wish to prevent a quarrel.

If a woman and April 14 is your birthday you ought to possess your full share of good business sense. Your executive ability is apt to be fully demonstrated in home, office or professional work. Your friends are likely to appreciate you far more than will some of your relatives. Your love of the truth, and dislike of every kind of sham or deception, might lead to your taking up some very serious line of research work. Through laboratory, educational, newspaper or social welfare work, as well as theoretical, or publicity employment you can win a fine reputation and make a substantial income. Your matrimonial choice is liable to prove to be a very wise one.

The child born on April 14, usually has strength of character, a lovable disposition and a well-defined sense of humour. Life ought to treat this youngster kindly, and dame Fortune will probably make it one of her protegees.

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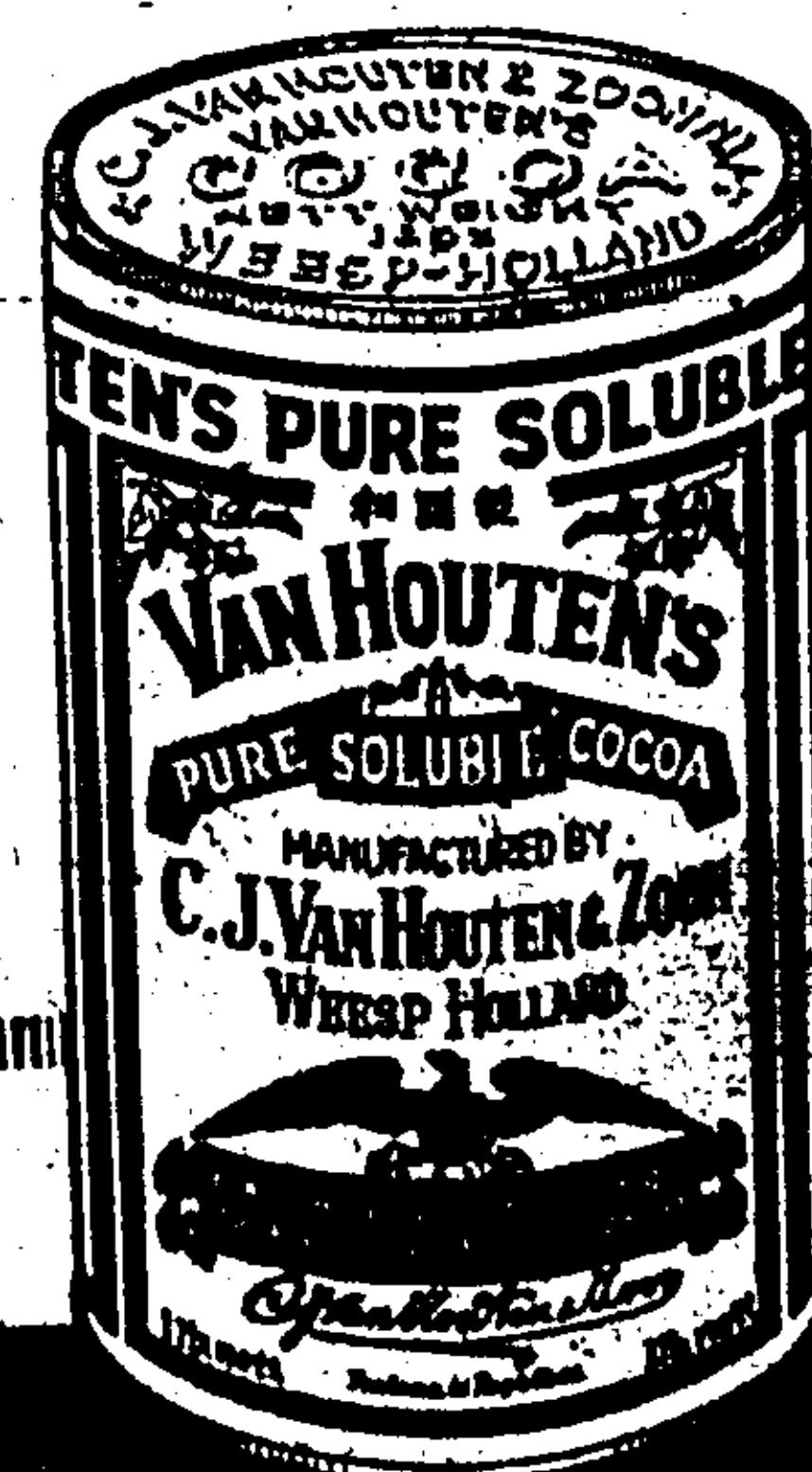
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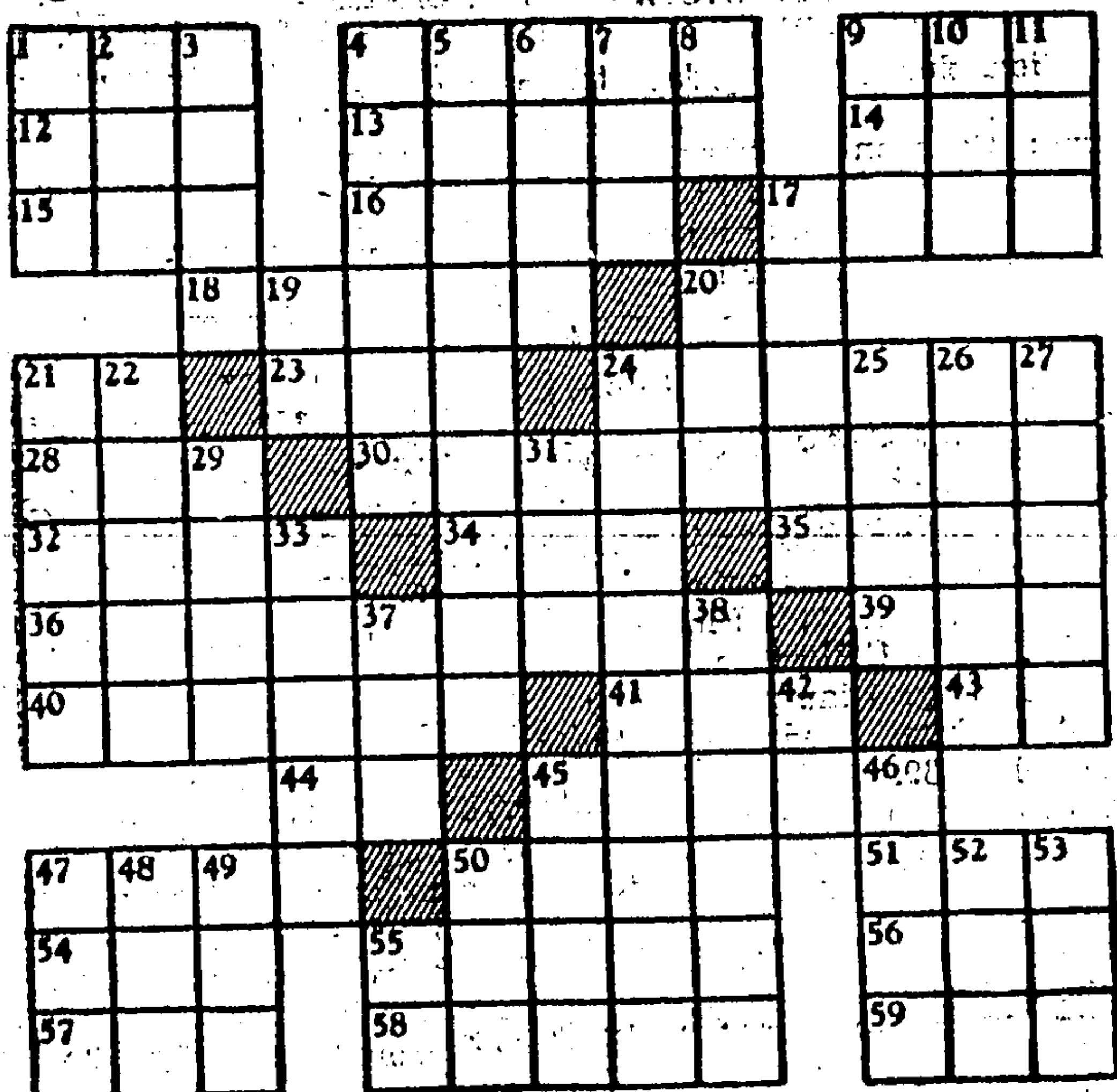
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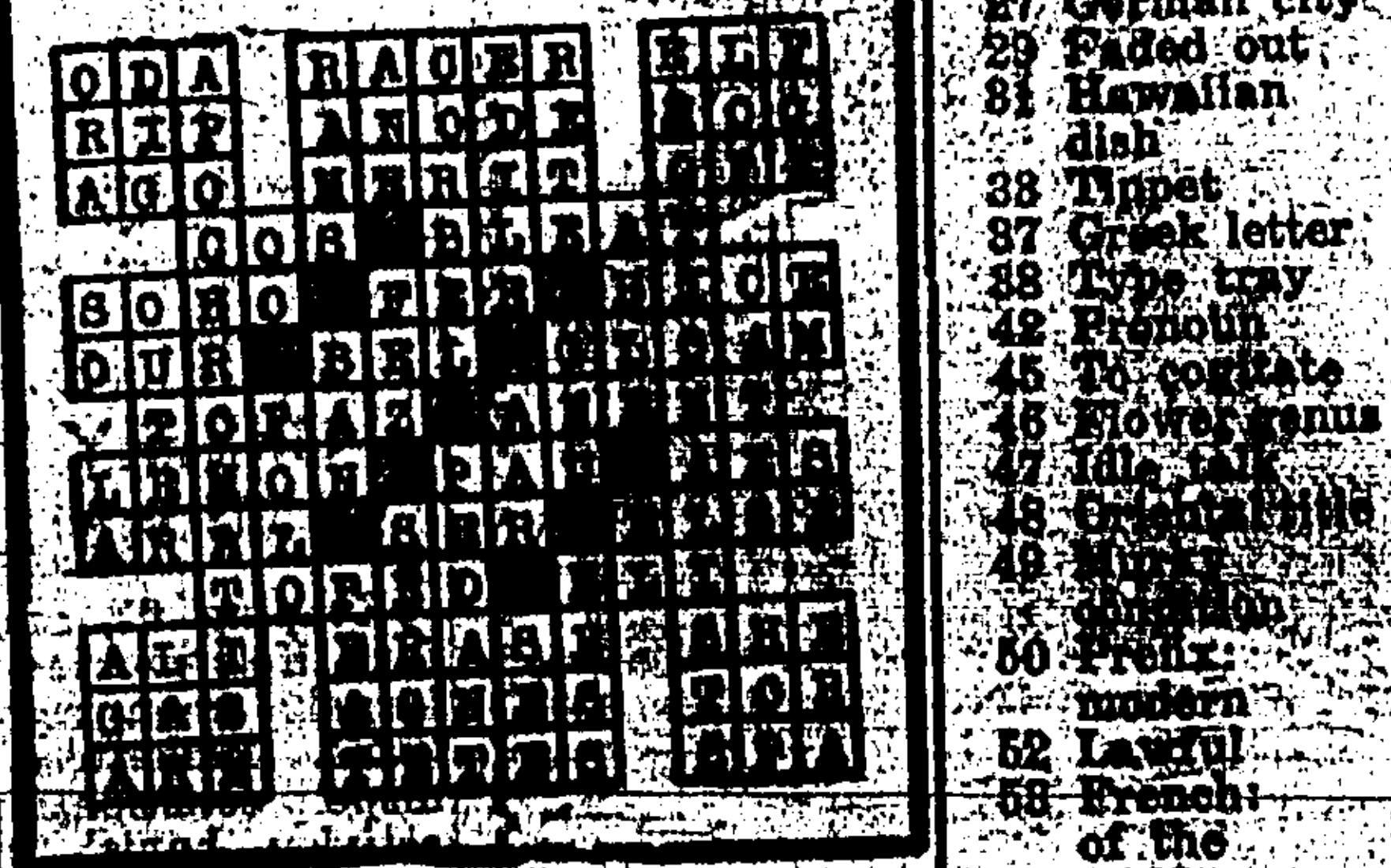
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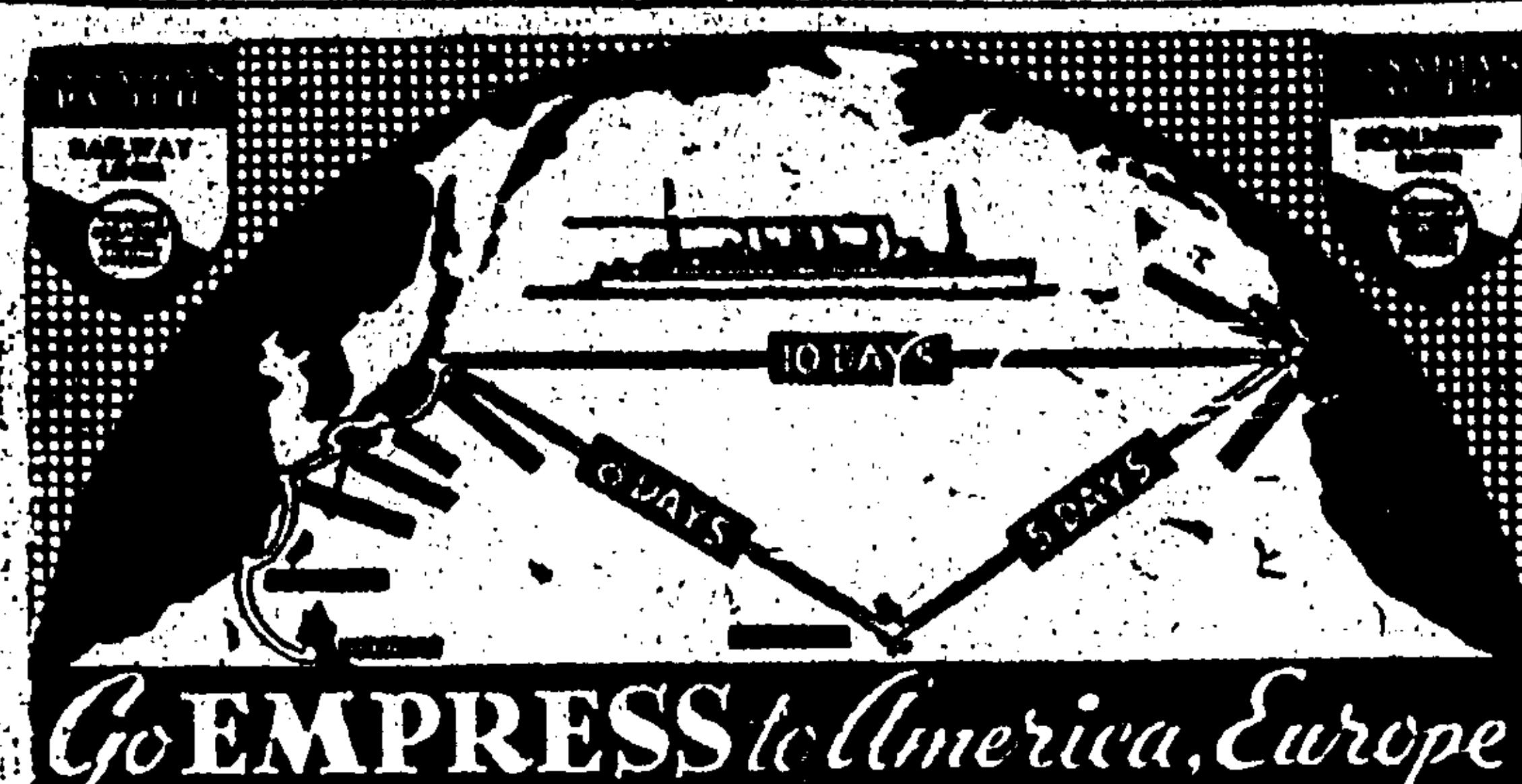
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TOMMY FARR DEFEATS RED BURMAN

London, To-day.

A crowd of 12,000 last night saw Tommy Farr, who won nearly every round, defeat Red Burman, of America, on points in a 12-round bout.

It was a mediocre fight, which consisted mainly of Farr repeatedly jabbing his left into Burman's face.

Farr was generally able to score as he pleased, and landed from a dozen to 20 lefts in most of the rounds, usually with little reply, but he was very slow.

Burman showed he could be dangerous by the way he occasionally staggered Farr with hard rights, especially in the second and fifth rounds. — Reuter.

EASTERN'S INDO-CHINA TOUR

The Eastern Football team which is now touring Indo-China commenced their programme in Tonkin on Good Friday, with a splendid win over the Tonkin French Army by 4 goals to 1.

On Saturday they beat a selected team 3-0, and on Sunday drew with another selected team, 5-all.

They were due to play Haiphong on Wednesday and yesterday commenced their tour of Saigon.

Accounts of the first three games will appear in to-morrow's issue of the "China Mail."

SAPPERS' SPORTS

The Royal Engineers held their Inter-Section Athletic meeting yesterday afternoon on the Chatham Road sports-ground.

Winners and runners-up of yesterday's events will represent the Sappers at the annual athletic meeting of the Hong Kong Area Sports Board on May 4.

Results of yesterday's events were: 110 Yards:—1, Spr. Hill; 2, Spr. Elsley.

200 Yards:—1, Spr. Elsley; 2, Spr. Hill. A.

1 Mile:—1, Spr. Middleton; 2, L/Cpl. Milton.

440 Yards:—L/Cpl. Hovel; 2, Spr. Sheldrake.

3 Miles:—1, Spr. Middleton; 2, Spr. Ireson.

Half-Mile:—1, Spr. Cox; 2, Spr. Fox.

Discus:—1, L/Cpl. Davidson; 2, Cpl. Eouzan.

Hammer:—1, L/Cpl. Davidson; 2, Sgt. Croston.

Javelin:—1, Spr. Picton; 2, Spr. Fox.

Putting the Weight:—1, Spr. Birrel; 2, Sgt. Croston.

Long Jump:—1, Spr. Moore; 2, L/Cpl. Foley.

High Jump:—1, Spr. Birrel; 2, L/Sgt. Lowe.

Pole-Vault:—1, L/Cpl. Hardstaff; 2, L/Cpl. Webb.

120 Yards Hurdles:—1, Spr. Birrel; 2, Sgt. Dimond.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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JACKIE COOGAN GETS £25,000

Jackie Coogan is understood to have reached a settlement with his mother whereby he will receive property worth £25,000.

Last year Jackie sued his mother and stepfather, Arthur L. Bernstein, for £800,000, claiming that this was the sum he earned as a child star and to which he became entitled when he reached twenty-one.

The long legal struggle has now been terminated by an agreement whereby it was stated Jackie and his mother divide equally about £50,000 worth of property.

Recently Jackie separated for a short time from his wife, Betty Grable, the young film star, saying he was too hard up to keep a home together.

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HUI'S FINE SMASHING

Au Flatters Only To Deceive In Singles Final

Lim And Bun Play Pluckily But Winners Were Never Worried

(By "ADREM")

Last night's badminton finals at Taikoo Club served to emphasise a fact, which to most local badminton players, is not news:

Namely, that Hui is probably one of the finest players who will ever perform in the Colony.

Last night he won two further finals to make a clean sweep of all titles for the second successive year — a truly remarkable achievement.

In the first game last night, the opening exchanges flattered only to deceive. Au started off in great style and for the first 14 points matched his opponent in all phases of the game.

His clearing shots were powerful. He scored repeatedly with a stroke that dropped into Hui's backhand corner when that player was starting to move in to the net. His short game was also clever, fine angle-work being the principal scoring factor.

When Hui's smash started to operate with the score at 7-5 in favour of Au, however, the Y.M.C.A. player's resistance collapsed.

It was that smash of Hui's which actually won him the match. In most other phases of the game, Au, as he showed in that opening period, was at least Hui's equal.

It is disconcerting to have one's deepest lobs "killed" with sickening regularity with smashes so accurate that for the most part they were nicking the sidelines, and Au did become disconcerted.

BAD JUDGMENT

To make matters worse, he found great difficulty in judging the weight of his clearing shots. Not once but

at least a dozen times in the course of the two games, those shots just cleared the baselines by inches.

Meanwhile Hui had been astounding the gallery with his fine anticipation and recoveries. Au could not make a "kill." As he tired, so did his smash become correspondingly weaker.

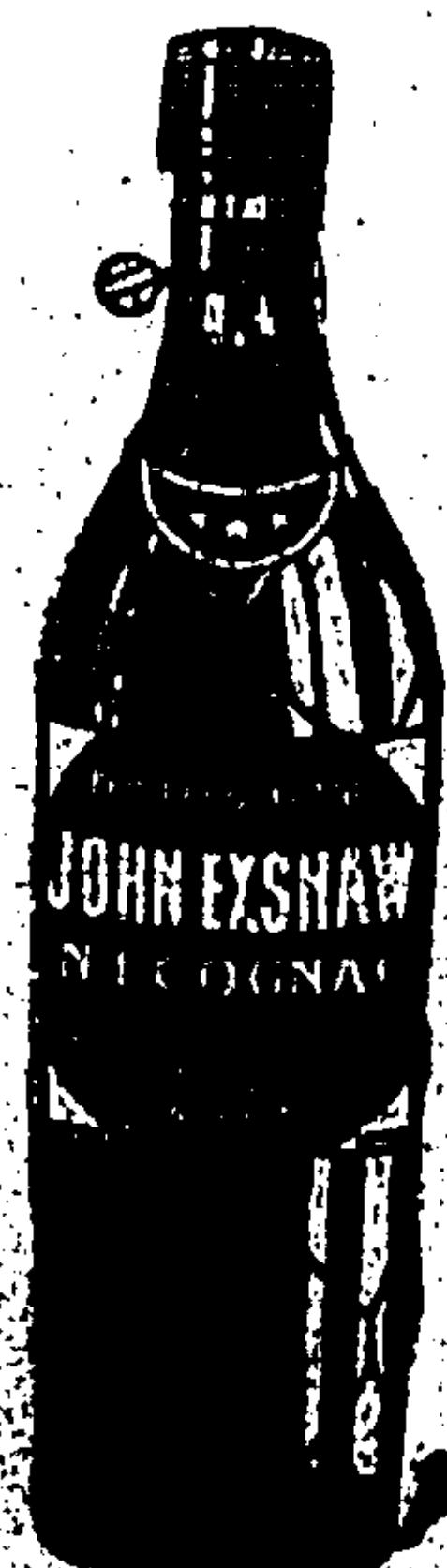
Hui won the last game as he liked, although Au kept up the unequal struggle to the best of his ability until the last point was won and lost.

With Hui suffering from the effects of his efforts in the first game, and secure in the knowledge that they have nearly always beaten the pair they were opposed to last night, Hui and Yong gave the impression of casualness in beating P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim.

Hui smashed as effectively as in his first match but Yong was very careless with his positional play and such combination as was revealed was not consistent with that expected from champions.

Bun and Lim both tried hard and played gallantly to come up from behind in the second game to "set" at 13-all but they were unable to sustain the effort and faded out.

At worst, one felt that Hui and Yong were certain to emerge victors and this detracted a great deal from the interest.



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BADMINTON RESULTS.

SENIOR SINGLES
P. K. Hui (holder) beat C. Au.
15-8, 15-6.
DOUBLES
P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong (holders) beat M. S. Lim and P. S. Bun 15-10, 18-15.

BISLEY MEETING

CAPT. HYDE'S SUCCESS

The Hong Kong Rifle Association Bisley Meeting made an excellent start yesterday on the Kowloon Ranges. Following are the teams which have qualified as semi-finalists in the Fanning Plate competition: "D" Company, The Royal Scots, "A" Company, The Middlesex Regt, H.M.S. Medway, "A" "C" Company, The Royal Scots. These teams will meet in the semi-finals to-day.

Prize List
Individual Service Revolver Championship.—1st; Capt. Hyde (C.M.P.) 86; 2nd; C/Sgt. Hale (1/MX.) 82; 3rd; P. O. Swan (R.N.R.S.) 80; 4th; Sgt. Rushman (R.N.R.S.) 76.

Unlimited Lowest Score.—1st; Lt. Holmes (H.K.V.D.C.) 18; 2nd; Cpl. Ure (1/MX.) 14; 3rd; Cpl. Ure (1/MX.) 19.

Competition Sweepstake.—1st; Major Syme (2 R/S.) 23.

Snapshooting Class X
1st; Spr. Colbrook (R.E.) 28.

2nd; Lt. Russell (R.E.) 22, Cpl. Morris (2 R/S.) 22.

4th; Pte. Hotfield (1/MX.) 21, Lt. Keeler (1/MX.) 21, Pte. Scott, 73 (2 R/S.) 21.

7th; Tel. Kirby (R.N.) 19.

8th; Pte. Williamson (2 R/S.) 18, L/Sgt. Jones (R.E.) 18.

10th; Pte. Harvey (2 R/S.) 17, Pte. Coutts (2 R/S.) 17.

12th; Sgt. Heap (R.N.S.) 16.

13th; Cpl. Cole (R.N.S.) 14, Pte. Ellis (2 R/S.) 14, L/S. Pan (H.K.P.) 14, Sgt. Matheson (2 R/S.) 14, L/c. Gatherer (2 R/S.) 14.

18th; Sgt. Wall (H.K.P.) 18, C. S. M. Maslem (R.E.) 18, Major White (2 R/S.) 18, Pte. Digney (2 R/S.) 18, Pte. Wallace (2 R/S.) 18, P. O. Swan (R.N.S.) 18, L/S. Hiscock (1/MX.) 18.

Lieut. Mayo (R.N.) 18, L/S. Nunn (R.E.) 18, Pte. Horne (R.S.) 18, Pte. Adams (R.S.) 18.

Snapshooting Class M.—1st; L/C Basto (H.K.V.D.C.) 9, and Spr. Allo (R.E.) 9. To shoot off for first place A/C. Denham (R.A.F.) 8, A/C. Jeffrey (R.A.F.) 8, Pte. Andrew (2 R.S.) 8.

Rapid Firing Class M.—1st; Pte.

Mitchell (2 R/S.) 19; 2nd; A/C. Denham (R.A.F.) 18; 3rd; Spr. Allo (R.E.) 18.

Rapid Firing Class X.—1st; C.S.M.

Whittet, (2/R. Scots.) 23, 2nd C.S.M.

Maslem (R.E.) 19, 3rd L/Cpl. Bullen, (2/R. Scots.) 18, Spr. Colebrook (R.E.) 17, 4th L/Cpl. Henderson, (2/R. Scots.) 17, L/Sgt. Jones, (R.E.) 17, 7th Sgt. Rushman, (R.N.S.) 17, L/Cpl. Ewens (R.A.O.C.) 17, 9th C.S.M. Mead, (2/R. Scots.) 16, Capt. Mackenzie-Kennedy (2/R. Scots.) 16, 11th P. O. Swan (R.N.S.) 16, F/Sgt. Tollison, (R.A.F.) 16, 18th L/Cpl. Langford (1/Mid'dx R.) 18, Pte. Wood, (2/R. Scots.) 16, 15th C.S.M. Stanford, (2/R. Scots.) 16, Cpl. Ure (1/Mid'dx R.) 16, Cpl. Cole (R.N.S.) 15, 18th Major White, (2/R. Scots.) 15, Lieut. Holmes, (H.K.V.D.C.) 15, Pte. Hatfield, (1/Mid'dx R.) 15.

CHESS STANDINGS

D. E. de Carvalho leads E. Zimmerman by half a point in the Colony Chess Championship. Results to date are as follows:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
D. E. de Carvalho	7	6	0	1	6
E. Zimmerman	7	5	1	1	5½
To. Yu Lau	7	4	0	3	4
A. Kurrik	6	3	1	2	3½
Dr. M. O. Pfister	10	2	1	7	2½
R. S. Harrison	7	0	1	5	3

Mr. B. S. Lyle has dropped out of the competition.

CRICKET AVERAGES

McKenzie's Improved Figures

THERE ARE NO CHANGES IN THE SENIOR CRICKET AVERAGES FROM LAST WEEK BUT TWO MATCHES WERE PLAYED IN THE JUNIOR DIVISION WHOSE AVERAGES HAVE BEEN REVISED AND ARE APPENDED.

Second Division

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	Not	Inns.	H.S.	Out	Aggr.	Avge.
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J. Fong	8	77	1	326	46.57	
E. J. R. Mitchell	8	73	3	196	39.20	
G. N. Gosano	9	59*	2	254	36.28	
Sto. Brown	5	59*	1	144	36.00	
C. W. E. Bishop	9	81	1	285	35.63	
B. D. Lay	7	111*	1	207	34.50	
Cpl. Webb	8	73	0	273	34.13	
K. Y. Tam	8	74	0	250	31.25	
J. L. Stephens	9	100*	1	249	31.14	
B. C. Fay	8	53	1	209	29.86	
Spr. Ratcliffe	8	78	2	171	28.50	
G. A. Goodban	6	59	1	142	28.40	
Ldg. Tel. Wood	7	37*	3	112	28.00	
Capt. Carless	7	57*	2	132	26.40	
H. P. Lim	7	37	1	160	26.00	
Lt. Napier	7	67	0	179	25.57	
H. J. Armstrong	7	77	0	177	25.29	
T. A. Madar	5	55	1	100	25.00	
N. Broadbridge	5	30	1	96	24.00	
A. B. Bakar	7	71*	1	141	23.50	
A. R. Suffield	8	88*	2	138	23.00	
N. P. Fox	8	38	0	180	22.50	
L/S. Smith	8	44	0	166	20.75	

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avge.
C. W. Haines	77.4	24	156	23	6.78
A. E. Carey	45.5	15	103	14	7.36
R. Soares	93.2	16	234	28	8.36
W. L. McKenzie	64.3	6	205	23	8.91
G. E. R. Divett	50	10	139	14	9.09
A. V. Gosano	103.1	33	246	26	9.46
F. H. Carvalho	18	0	77	8	9.63
B. C. Fay	91.4	26	213	22	9.68
Ldg. Tel. Wood	111.5	30	292	30	9.73
G. N. Gosano	60.2	10	168	17	9.88
A. M. Omar	82	26	199	19	10.45
D. S. Robb	52.2	8	206	19	10.84
K. L. Ng	87.4	20	231	21	11.00
R. A. J. Simpson	53	5	195	15	13.00
W. Stoker	53.2	11	181	13	13.02
R. Baldwin	35	1	118	9	13.11
B. D. Lay	55.3	10	171	13	13.15
W. K. Way	29	4	134	10	13.40
C. H. Teoh	71.3	15	260	19	13.68
W. S. Gegg	66	17	173	12	14.42
Capt. Carless	54	10	175	12	14.58

Macao's Soccer Team

Macao, 18th April, 1939.—The following players have been selected to represent Macao in their Interport Football Match against Hong Kong's

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Sunderland
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Blackpool

FIRST DIVISION	
ARSENAL (-)	v Manchester U. (-)
ASTON VILLA (-)	v Bolton (-)
Blackpool (4)	v Middlesbro' (2)
BRENTFORD (1)	v Birmingham (2)
DERBY (0)	v Leicester (1)
EVERTON (8)	v Preston (5)
GRIMSBY (0)	v Liverpool (0)
HUDDERSFIELD (1)	v Chelsea (2)
Portsmouth (2)	v STOKE (0)
Sunderland (0)	v Leeds (0)
Wolves (1)	v Charlton (1)

SECOND DIVISION	
BLACKBURN (4)	v Southampton (0)
Bradford (5)	v SHEFFIELD U. (1)
Bury (1)	v Newcastle (1)
CHESTERFIELD (5)	v Luton (2)
Fulham (8)	v Coventry (4)
MANCHESTER C. (-)	v Burnley (-)
Millwall (-)	v TOTTENHAM (-)
WEDNESDAY (0)	v Notts F. (2)

Swansea (1)	v Plymouth (0)
TRANMERE (-)	v Norwich (-)
West Ham (-)	v WEST BROM. (-)

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

ALDERSHOT (-)	v Ipswich (-)
Bristol C. (1)	v READING (0)
Clapton (1)	v Queen's P.R. (1)
CRYSTAL P. (8)	v Bristol R. (2)
NEWPORT (2)	v Southend (0)
Northampton (1)	v Exeter (0)
NOTTS C. (2)	v Cardiff (0)
PORT VALE (-)	v Bournemouth (-)
SWINDON (1)	v Walsall (1)
Torquay (0)	v Mansfield (1)
WATFORD (1)	v Brighton (1)

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Carlisle (1)	v Chester (3)
CREWE (8)	v Bradford C. (1)
Darlington (0)	v Barrow (1)
DONCASTER (8)	v Lincoln (0)
GATESHEAD (4)	v Halifax (1)
Hartlepools (1)	v NEW BRIGHTON (0)
Rochdale (0)	v Accrington (1)
Rotherham (-)	v STOCKPORT (-)
SOUTHPORT (2)	v Hull (1)
Wrexham (1)	v OLDHAM (0)
York (-)	v BARNSLEY (-)

THREE WHO MAY WIN AWAY

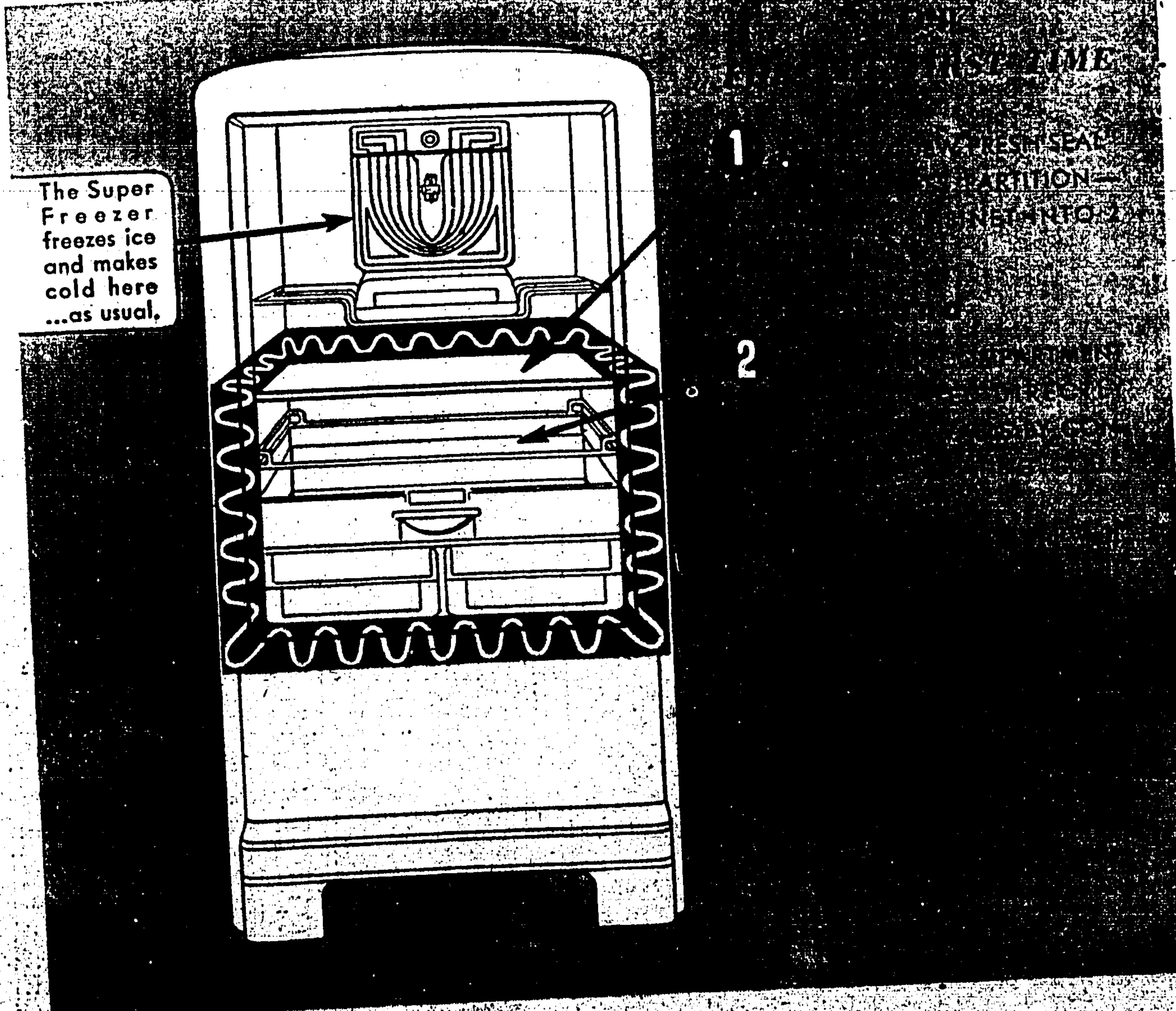
Barnsley
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Stoke

TEAMS TO BE AVOIDED

Wolves.—League championship is now impossible. Likely to re-serve themselves for Cup Final.
Derby.—Leicester are desperately struggling to avoid relegation and may upset the County.

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COLONY TENNIS

Tsui Takes Whole Of First Set To Find His Touch: Rumjahn Tires

(By "ADREM")

(Tsui Wai-pui (holder) beat H. D. Rumjahn 3-6, 6-3, 6-1. —Fourth ROUND.)

Taking the whole of the first set to find his touch, Tsui Wai-pui, Colony tennis champion, then delighted his supporters with as brilliant a display as he has ever given here, to beat H. D. Rumjahn on the Stand Court yesterday afternoon.

This match, a repeat of last year's final, drew the largest crowd of spectators yet seen at the Cricket Club this year.

On an adjoining court, where Ho Ka-lau was playing S. W. Liang, and where a good game could be expected, there were not more than half-a-dozen people all told, including the players themselves!

"H.D." while he was fresh, delighted the gallery from the start. He wasted no time in getting down to business and struck a length right away. Driving accurately on both hands, he had Tsui running all over the court.

His service was accurate and I have never seen Tsui receive service so ineffectively. For that matter, I have never seen him play worse than he did in that first set.

He could do nothing right. His celebrated forehand drive found the net, or missed the side-lines more times than they found the court, while his service was so poor, it had to be seen to be believed!

"H. D." broke through in the third game to lead 2-1 and then 3-1 and by accurate placement of his own delivery, won the set very deservedly by 6-3.

When he broke through Tsui's service in the first game of the second set and Tsui gave no indication of any improvement, I really began to believe that the I.R.C. player might upset all calculations and win.

THE RECOVERY

However, early in the second game, Tsui had the benefit of a net-cord and whether that heartened him or disheartened Rumjahn, it is difficult to say. In any event, the long-waited Tsui recovery dated from then.

He won the game to make the score 1-all and thereafter, never looked back. Once he got in front there was no holding him. He pulled out all his finest strokes confidently, speeded up the exchanges, and for the first time, began to dictate terms.

Rumjahn tried to slow things up by using a drop-shot. More often than not, that stroke proved a boomerang, and Tsui, appearing to get fresher as the game was prolonged, got to all of them with the greatest of ease to usually return a sharply-angled shot which secured him the point every time.

Winning five games in a row, Tsui went rapidly to 5-1. And then, from the way he played the next two games, his idea appeared to be to keep the score going as long as possible in order to ensure a tired Rumjahn for the final.

That is exactly what happened. Rumjahn won two games to make the score 5-3, and, indeed, he had an excellent opportunity of winning a third against service.

Tsui then decided that the set had been prolonged enough and went out with a series of dazzling strokes.

In the final set, Rumjahn was obviously tired and, to use an Americanism, Tsui turned on the heat! He simply toyed with his wearied opponent. His ground-strokes worked with amazing precision, while just by way of a change, he demonstrated how completely he is master of the drop-shot.

PLUCKY DISPLAY

Rumjahn won one further game in that set and that is about all he was worth. Nevertheless, his was an extremely plucky display. He showed that he still retains all his old strokes, if anything they were more accurate, but he could not get round the court as of old. Many of them in the early ball also were "H.D." ready out of position. In

TENNIS RESULTS

Open Singles

Tsui Wai-pui (holder) beat H. D. Rumjahn 3-6, 6-3, 6-1. (Quarter-Final).

Ho Ka-lau beat S. W. Liang 6-2, 6-1. (Third Round).

Club Handicap Doubles

R. K. Valentine and L. M. S. Lloyd (Scr.) beat E. A. R. Newton and W. Wooding (1.6) 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.

E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson (—5.6) beat R. C. Beavan and A. K. Mackenzie (—1.6) 8-3, 6-3.

all his years of tennis, I doubt whether Rumjahn, prior to the advent of Tsui Wai-pui, has ever been up against this the modern type of game, and at his present age and weight, he had no counter for it.

I shall be very surprised if anyone beats Tsui over five sets. He meets either S. A. Rumjahn or Lim Thian-tet in the semi-final.

LIM THIAN-TET INDISPOSED

Owing to the fact that Lim Thian-tet is still sick his Open Singles tennis match against S. A. Rumjahn has been postponed till Tuesday.

The only game therefore, to-day, in the Open competitions is the Open Doubles match between Major F. C. Nottingham and Capt. R. B. Lecky and Lee Yue-wing and Ho Ka-lau.

PROGRAMME

Open Doubles

Major F. C. Nottingham and Capt. R. B. Lecky v. Lee Yue-wing and Ho Ka-lau.

Club Championship

E. E. Story v. V. R. Gordon (4); J. J. Ferguson v. W. Sander (7).

Club Handicap Singles

H. J. Armstrong (—15) v. T. J. Price (—1.6) or W. Wooding (scr.) (2); A.

T. Dow (—2.6) v. J. L. C. Pearce (scr.) (8); H. D. Bidwell (—1.6) v. T. J. Gould (—15) or L. Goldman (—30) (6).

K.C.C. LAWN BOWLS TEAM

The following players have been selected to represent Kowloon Cricket Club against C.S.C.C. at Kowloon on Saturday:

V. C. Labrum, J. W. M. Brown, H. Nish, and F. Goodwin (Skip).

J. Fraser, T. A. Madar, H. Overy, and E. C. Fincher (Skip).

Geo. Lee, W. Mulcahy, W. Hyde, and E. Kern (Skip).

A. C. Tribble, W. Naef, W. G. Bowden, and T. W. Carr (Skip).

A. E. Perry, F. E. Nash, R. Meadows, and J. Hyde (Skip).

W. H. Hobbs, P. A. Murphy, T. A. Madar, and W. W. Hirst (Skip).

Reserves: —W. Paterson, W. Nash, T. A. Faber, T. B. M. Connolly, and H. E.

COVERING the last five League matches, this guide to current form in the English and Scottish Football Leagues indicates venue, opponent and result, with the most recent result on the extreme right column, i.e. (a18) indicates that the team played away to Team No. 18.

FIRST DIVISION

1. Arsenal	(a14)	2-0	(h17)	1-2	(a 4)	0-1	(a 3)	2-1	(h 4)	2-1
2. Aston Villa	(a 8)	1-2	(h19)	3-0	(a 7)	0-1	(a 2)	1-2	(h22)	2-2
3. Birmingham	(h12)	1-1	(a18)	0-2	(a 15)	0-4	(h 1)	1-2	(h15)	0-0
4. Blackpool	(a18)	0-1	(h15)	1-1	(h 1)	1-0	(a14)	4-3	(a 1)	1-2
5. Bolton	(a 4)	0-0	(h 9)	2-1	(a11)	1-1	(h21)	2-1	(a20)	1-4
6. Brentford	(a15)	0-1	(h14)	2-0	(h 8)	3-1	(a17)	1-3	(a19)	0-2
7. Charlton	(h11)	3-1	(a21)	1-1	(h 8)	2-0	(h 2)	1-0	(a 8)	3-1
8. Chelsea	(h 2)	2-1	(a22)	0-2	(a 7)	0-2	(h10)	0-2	(h 7)	1-3
9. Derby	(a 5)	1-2	(h18)	1-0	(a18)	3-1	(a15)	1-2	(h18)	0-1
10. Everton	(a16)	2-0	(h20)	1-1	(a21)	2-1	(a 8)	2-0	(h21)	6-2
11. Grimsby	(a 7)	1-3	(h 5)	1-1	(h12)	3-3	(a18)	1-0	(a12)	0-2
12. Huddersfield	(a 3)	1-1	(h16)	1-1	(a11)	3-3	(a20)	2-2	(h11)	2-0
13. Leeds	(a 4)	1-0	(a 9)	0-1	(a16)	0-0	(h11)	0-1	(h16)	3-1
14. Leicester	(h 1)	0-2	(a 6)	0-2	(h 4)	3-4	(a17)	2-3	(h71)	5-3
15. Liverpool	(h 6)	1-0	(a 4)	1-1	(h 3)	4-0	(h 9)	2-1	(a 8)	0-0
16. Manchester U.	(h10)	0-2	(a12)	1-1	(h13)	0-0	(h18)	1-1	(a18)	1-3
17. Middlesb'.	(h18)	8-2	(a 1)	2-1	(h 6)	3-1	(h14)	3-2	(a14)	2-5
18. Portsmouth	(a17)	2-8	(h 3)	2-0	(h 9)	1-3	(a18)	1-1	(a 9)	1-0
19. Preston	(h21)	2-1	(a 2)	0-3	(a 6)	1-3	(h22)	4-2	(h 6)	2-0
20. Stoke	(a 2)	1-3	(h22)	5-3	(a10)	1-1	(h12)	2-2	(h 5)	4-1
21. Sunderland	(a19)	1-2	(h 7)	1-1	(h10)	1-2	(a 5)	1-2	(a10)	2-6
22. Wolves	(a20)	8-5	(h 8)	2-0	(a19)	2-4	(h 2)	2-1	(a 2)	2-2

SECOND DIVISION

1. Blackburn	(a11)	2-2	(h21)	3-0	(a 7)	3-2	(a12)	0-4	(h 7)	2-1
2. Bradford	(a16)	2-3	(h 6)	0-2	(a22)	2-0	(a18)	0-2	(h22)	1-2
3. Burnley	(a17)	0-4	(h 5)	1-2	(a19)	3-0	(h15)	2-3	(h22)	1-0
4. Bury	(a 8)	1-2	(h14)	3-0	(h 9)	1-5	(a15)	1-1	(a 9)	0-0
5. Chesterfield	(a20)	2-2	(a 3)	2-1	(h18)	3-1	(h11)	2-0	(a18)	2-2
6. Coventry	(h 9)	0-1	(a 2)	2-0	(h17)	3-0	(a12)	1-1	(h12)	2-0
7. Fulham	(a21)	0-3	(h12)	2-0	(h 1)	2-0	(a 8)	1-2	(a 1)	1-2
8. Luton	(h 4)	2-1	(a20)	1-4	(h16)	6-2	(h 7)	2-1	(a16)	4-0
9. Manchester C.	(a 6)	1-0	(h13)	3-0	(a 4)	5-1	(a11)	2-0	(h 4)	0-0
10. Millwall	(h22)	0-2	(h11)	1-1	(h20)	2-0	(a21)	0-0	(a20)	1-3
11. Newcastle	(a 7)	1-1	(h 1)	2-2	(a10)	1-1	(a 5)	0-2	(h 9)	0-2
12. Norwich	(h20)	2-2	(a 7)	0-2	(h 1)	4-0	(h 6)	1-1	(a 6)	0-2
13. Notts F.	(h10)	3-0	(a 9)	0-3	(h21)	2-0	(h 2)	2-0	(a21)	0-0
14. Plymouth	(h22)	0-0	(a 4)	0-3	(a18)	6-2	(h20)	1-1	(h18)	0-1
15. Sheffield U.	(a 5)	0-1	(h19)	2-0	(a22)	0-0	(a 3)	3-2	(h4)	1-1
16. Southampton	(h 2)	2-2	(a17)	3-1	(a 8)	2-6	(h 5)	2-2	(h 8)	0-4
17. Swansea	(a18)	0-3	(h16)	1-3	(a19)	0-2	(a 6)			

HOME FOOTBALL TABLES TO DATE

LADIES' HOCKEY

FIRST DIVISION						
	P. W. D.	L. F. A.	Pts.			
Everton	38	26	4	8	84	47 58
Wolves	38	20	9	9	82	55 49
Charlton	38	20	6	12	70	53 46
Middlesbrough	39	19	8	12	90	69 46
Berby	39	19	7	13	64	50 45
Arsenal	38	16	9	13	49	38 41
Stoke	38	15	11	12	70	66 41
Liverpool	39	14	13	12	60	59 41
Bolton	37	14	12	11	63	54 40
Aston Villa	38	16	8	14	68	51 40
Preston	37	14	10	13	56	55 38
Sunderland	38	12	9	17	51	65 33
Grimsby	38	13	11	14	53	66 37
Leeds	39	14	8	15	54	60 36
Brentford	38	14	7	17	52	67 35
Portsmouth	38	11	13	14	42	66 33
Blackpool	38	10	13	15	53	61 33
Manchester U.	38	9	15	14	51	63 33
Huddersfield	38	11	10	17	54	58 32
Chelsea	37	11	6	20	59	74 28
Leicester	39	9	10	20	47	72 28
Birmingham	38	9	7	22	54	82 25

SECOND DIVISION						
	P. W. D.	L. F. A.	Pts.			
Blackburn	38	23	4	11	89	59 50
Luton	37	21	4	12	79	57 46
Wednesday	37	19	8	10	81	56 46
Coventry	37	19	7	11	57	41 45
Chesterfield	37	18	9	10	60	45 45
Sheffield U.	37	16	13	8	56	39 45
Newcastle	38	17	8	13	56	44 42
West Brom.	38	17	8	13	84	65 42
Tottenham	38	18	9	11	61	49 45
Manchester C.	36	19	5	12	88	65 43
Fulham	37	16	9	13	56	49 39
Burnley	39	15	9	15	48	49 39
West Ham	38	14	9	15	44	44 37
Millwall	38	11	13	14	57	51 35
Bury	39	11	12	16	58	68 34
Southampton	38	12	9	17	54	74 33
Plymouth	37	12	8	17	43	51 32
Bradford	39	11	10	19	58	77 32
Swansea	37	9	10	18	43	73 28
Notts F.	38	9	10	19	46	78 28
Norwich	36	11	3	22	45	83 25
Tranmere	39	6	28	38	94	17

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)						
	P. W. D.	L. F. A.	Pts.			
Newport	39	21	11	7	55	39 53
Crystal P.	37	18	9	10	64	50 45
Reading	39	16	14	10	66	52 44
Brighton	38	17	9	12	59	49 43
Watford	38	16	10	12	59	49 42
Notts C.	36	17	7	12	56	41 41
Swindon	37	17	7	13	68	62 41
Aldershot	37	14	12	11	47	53 40
Queen's P.R.	37	14	11	12	63	44 39
Bristol C.	38	13	11	14	53	59 37
Northampton	38	15	6	17	51	55 36
Exeter	38	13	11	14	55	57 36
Bournemouth	38	12	12	14	48	55 36
Cardiff	37	13	9	15	50	56 35
Mansfield	38	11	13	14	40	57 35
Ipswich	35	12	10	13	48	46 34
Southend	36	14	6	16	54	58 34
Torquay	37	12	9	16	47	61 33
Bristol R.	38	9	12	18	48	51 30
Port Vale	36	11	7	18	43	54 29
Clapton	36	8	11	17	41	50 27
Walsall	37	7	11	19	48	63 25

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)						
	P. W. D.	L. F. A.	Pts.			
Barnsley	39	27	7	5	85	32 61
Doncaster	37	17	14	6	71	41 48
Bradford C.	38	20	7	11	83	51 47
Southport	36	17	10	9	66	44 44
Oldham	38	19	5	14	62	53 48
Hull	38	16	10	12	78	64 42
Crewe	39	19	4	16	81	68 42
Stockport	36	16	8	12	80	52 40
Chester	37	16	8	13	77	66 40
Halifax	38	13	14	11	46	44 40
Barrow	38	16	7	15	63	66 39
Rotherham	39	16	7	16	60	60 39
New Brighton	39	15	9	15	65	66 39
Rochdale	39	14	9	16	87	74 37
Wrexham	39	15	6	18	60	79 36
Gateshead	37	12	11	14	66	74 35
Lincoln	38	12	9	17	63	78 33
Carlisle	37	12	6	19	58	98 30
York	37	11	8	18	57	76 30
Darlington	39	12	6	21	58	89 30
Hartlepools	39	11	5	28	51	91 27
Accrington	39	5	6	28	43	96 16

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST)						
	P. W. D.	L. F. A.	Pts.			
Rangers	38	24	9	3	109	49 57
Celtic	38	19	7	9	94	48 45
Hearts	36	19	5	12	85	66 43
Falkirk	38	18	7	11	70	60 43
Aberdeen	38	18	6	11	88	60 42
Queen O.S.	38	16	9	11	66	60 41
St. Johnstone	37	17	5	15	82	81 39
Hamilton	38	17	5	14	62	67 39
Motherwell	38	14	9	12	68	75 37
Kilmarnock	35	14	9	12	69	78 37
Clyde	38	16	6	15	73	87 37
Partick	38	16	4	16	72	88 34
Hibernian	38	18	7	16	57	66 33
Ayr	35	12	8	16	68	

Ettore Pellegratti
& Harry Ore
From The Studio

12.12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Song by Cactus (Tenor).
Farewell, dear Mother ("Cavalleria Rusticana" — Mascagni) ... with Symphony Orchestra.
12.35 p.m.—Beethoven—Sonata in F Minor, Op. 57 ("Appassionata").
Rudolf Serkin (Piano).
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—R.B.C. Recording—"A Northern Evening From Burbleton".
Arranged by T. Thompson.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—A Dance Programme.
Fox-Trots—I Must See Annie Tonight; Brother Bill... Brian Lawrence & His Lansdowne Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.
Fox-Trots—A Pretty Girl Is Like A Melody (film "The Great Ziegfeld") ... Roy Fox & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain by Denny Dennis.
Quicksteps—Lookin' Around Corners For You (film "Head Over Heels"); Love And Learn (film "That Girl from Paris")... Sidney Torch (Organ).
Tangos—Madame, You're Lovely; Spider Of The Night... Mantovani & His Tipica Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Saddle Your Blues To A Wild Mustang; Please Believe Me ... Roy Fox & His Orchestra with

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Vocal Refrain.
Blues—Chase The Blues Away; Fox-Trot—I May Be Wrong... Chick Webb & His Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
(a) Feeling in my heart; (b) Goin' Back to Town; (c) Blue Skies; (d) Meet the Beat of my heart.
6.14 p.m.—Record: When The Poppies Bloom Again (Morrow-Pelosi); South Sea Island Magic (Tomeirin-Long) ... The Street Singer (Arthur Tracy) with Instrumental Accompaniment.
6.21 p.m.—(a) Sympathy; (b) Giamina Mia; (c) One day when we were young; (d) Il Bacio.
6.35 p.m.—Records: You're The Top (Porter); I Get A Kick Out Of You (from "Anything Goes") ... Andona Wina and Billy Marlow (Vocal Duet with Orchestra).
Joy-Dance (Kirby) ... Ernest Jones (Banjo) with Leslie Bartlett at the Piano.
6.44 p.m.—(a) I Let a Song go out of my heart; (b) Miss Annabella Brown; (c) That Foolish Feeling; (d) Rose Room.
7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Fifty Minutes of Variety with Sandy Powell, Patricia Rossborough.

borough, Josephine Baker, London Piano-Accordéon Band and Others. Accordeon-Band—Au Revoir (Glibert); A Waltz Was Born In Vienna (Czodker-Loewe) ... London Piano-Accordéon Band under the direction of Scott Wood with Vocal Chorus.

Piano—Medley. Intro: No Regrets; Laughing Irish Eyes; A Fine Romance; Serenade in the Night; Take my Heart ... Patricia Rossborough.

Vocal—Afraid To Dream (film "You Can't Have Everything"); The Loveliness Of You (film "You Can't Have Everything") ... Josephine Baker with Orchestra.

Accordéon-Band—Calling Me Home (Wilfred); I Have Lost My Heart In Budapest (Pusztai) ... London Piano-Accordéon Band under the direction of Scott Wood with Vocal Chorus.

Comedy Sketch—Sandy And Family At Blackpool (Powell) ... Sandy Powell & Company.

Dance Orch. Gershwin—Fox-Trot Medley—Slow Temp. Intro: Oh Lady Be Good; 'S Wonderful; Looking for a Boy ... Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins on two pianos with string bass and drums.

Banjo—Medley. Intro: Is it true what they say about Dixie? When a Lady meets a Gentleman down South; Sing, Baby, Sing; San Francisco; Down South ... Tarrant Bailey with Orchestra.

Piano—A Cavalcade Of Martial Tunes. Intro: There's something about a soldier; The King's Horses; When the Guards are on Parade; When a Soldier's on Parade; The Toy Drum Major.

Piano—Sweetmeat Joe, The Candy Man (Croom-Johnson) ... Patricia Rossborough.

Xylophone—Bis De Janeiro (de Gredos) ... Rudy Starita with Orch.

7.50 p.m.—Studio—An Appeal by Mrs. Dunbar for the proposed Women's International Hostel in Hong Kong.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal; Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.

Overture "Alceste" (Gluck); Overture "La Scala Di Seta" (Rossini); Crown Imperial (A Coronation March—1937—Walton).

8.25 p.m.—Next week's programme.

8.30 p.m.—Studio—Concert by Ettore Pellegratti (Cello) and Harry Ore (Piano).

1. La Gitana (Kreisler).
2. Elegy (Ore); Gavotte (Ore) ... Ettore Pellegratti (Cello) and Harry Ore (Piano).

3. Doumou (Tschaikovsky).

4. Gavotte (Glazounov) ... Harry Ore (Piano).

5. Elegiac Poem (Bantock).

6. Tarantella (Popper) ... Ettore Pellegratti (Cello) and Harry Ore (Piano).

9 p.m.—London Relay—Under Big Ben; by Howard Marshall.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—More Food for Thought. Short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.45 p.m.—London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.

9.50 p.m.—Leoncavallo's "I Pagliacci". Iva Pacetti (Soprano), B. Gigli (Tenor), G. Nesi (Tenor), M. Basili (Baritone), L. Paci (Baritone), A. Borgli (Bass) and Members of La Scala Orchestra and Chorus, Milan, conducted by Franco Ghione.

11 p.m.—Close down.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE STAR—"Naughty Marietta", rest of the cast includes Ralph Bellamy, Ann Sothern, Sidney Blackmer, Thomas MacDonald. An old picture but worth seeing again.

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AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Empress Wu Cheh-tien". Lavish and spectacular presentation of a thrilling episode in ancient Chinese history. Directed by the man who made "Sable Cicada", which is even now enjoying a New York run, "Empress Wu" is the high-water mark of Chinese film production. Mandarin dialect, but with English subtitles.

AT THE CATHAY—"Vivacious Lady". Co-starring Ginger Rogers and James Stewart in a story of a sophisticated night-club singer and a native young professor from a small-town college.

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AT THE MAJESTIC—"Racket Busters". A thrill-packed, absorbing drama built around a topic that is getting front page headlines in to-day's American newspapers. The cast includes Humphrey Bogart, George Brent, Gloria Dickson, Allen Jenkins and Walter Abel.

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AT THE QUEEN'S—"Stablemates", with Wallace Berry and Mickey Rooney. The story, a dramatic unfolding of the friendship which exists between a once-famous veterinarian and a stable boy, has the flavour of "The Champ", the memorable picture which starred Beery with Jackie Cooper.

AT THE KING'S—"Trade Winds". Romantic thrill in an excitement-charged woman-hunt that takes its stars right round the world to an island paradise in mid-Pacific. With Joan Bennett as the girl who fled from the law and Fredric March, as the detective, who finally catches up with her. The

is entangled with a French bride.

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♦ 9 7 2
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♦ 9 8 6
♦ 6 4 3

♦ A 8 6
♥ 8 4 2
♦ A K 10
♦ Q J 9 7

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South West North East
1. Pass 2. Pass 3. Pass 4. Pass
2NT Pass 6. Pass 7. Pass

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were not strong enough to him.

Up to and through North's bid of

the exact five honours necessary for a successful seven contract, and therefore he bid it. Since neither opponent held all five trumps, the hand was of course a laydown.

In Saturday's question you were Howard Schenken's partner. The opponents were vulnerable; you were not. You held:

♦ A: Q 9 7 5 3
♥ A K Q
♦ K 8
♦ K Q

The bidding:

Burnstone Schenken Mater You

1. Pass Pass Pass (?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is to pass. You should set one spade two or three tricks, which represents the best profit you can expect on the hand. With a vulnerable spade bid in back of you, you have little chance of being able to make game. Usually if you double in this position, your partner will take it on.

Score 100% for pass (your best bid), 60% for one notrump, 30% for double or two notrump, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 73

You are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and hold:

♦ Q J 10 9
♥ A K Q 7 6 5
♦ 8 7 6 5
♦ 4 3 2

Neither side is vulnerable. Burnstone opens with four spades, West leads a spade. What do you bid? (Answer to-morrow).

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MILITARY MEASURES BY FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

M. Daladier yesterday disclosed that the French Government has adopted military measures for securing the frontiers of France and her Empire against any surprise.

The Premier expressed the gratitude of the Government to all men who returned to their regiments. He thanked also those who had assumed special obligations in factories connected with national defence.

The French Government, he declared, is in constant contact with the Governments of Great Britain, the U.S., Russia, Poland and the countries of the Balkan Entente and it is the aim of the Government to co-operate with all nations who are resolved to oppose any attempt to impose a regime of force. — Trans-Ocean.

The Royal Observatory reports that weak anti-cyclones cover Manchuria and the Pacific to the south-east of Japan. Depressions are moving eastward over Hokkaido and the central Yangtze Valley. Pressure remains relatively low over Tongking.

Local forecast: — E. to S.E. winds, light to moderate; cloudy, local fog or mist.

NAZI PRESS GIVES 'SERIOUS' WARNING

Berlin, To-day. The activity of the English press in attributing aggressive designs to Germany and Italy plays an important part in articles in the German press.

Following repudiation of alleged German plans against Holland, the papers protest energetically against English press reports regarding alleged concentration of German troops on the Yugoslav frontier, as well as regarding alleged Italian schemes directed against Gibraltar and the Sudan.

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" gives "serious warning" against such reports that, in the end, may create a panic from which the worst consequences must be feared. — Trans-Ocean.

SEQUELS TO MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S STATEMENT

(Continued from Page 1). Trans-Ocean, quoting a Danzig paper, "to clarify pending questions, followed by mobilisation and conclusion of the London Agreement, Poland's attitude was clearly understood. Berlin had not failed to point out the dangers which must result for Poland from the 'opportunity thus lost.'

"It is not customary for the German Foreign Office, especially under existing circumstances, to renew proposals which have been rejected, although they were of a moderate nature susceptible of discussion." — Trans-Ocean.

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